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Operation New Horizon Brings Medical Care, Wells to Nicaragua

Capt. Lou Martinez
65th PCH

"It is very difficult because of the language barrier but it is very rewarding. The Nicaraguan people are very appreciative that we are here," said Spec. Jennifer Baker, medic with the 141st Medical Company, 118th Medical Battalion.

Baker is one of more than 60 Connecticut Guardsmen taking part in Operation New Horizon in Nicaragua. Soldiers from the 247th Engineers Detachment and the 118th were part of Task Force Chontales, a task force made up of 40 units from 20 different states from every branch of service, including the Nicaraguan Army. They were all working for the same purpose - to provide humanitarian aide to the people of Nicaragua.

This third world country is considered the poorest nation in Central America, second to Honduras. Two decades of civil unrest, the revolution from 1979 to 1990, natural disasters, such as earthquakes and volcano eruptions, (Nicaragua has nine volcanoes, five remain active) and Hurricane Mitch in the late 80's, have left Nicaragua with a repressed economy. Poverty in this third world country runs rampant. Children as young as six-years-old walk the streets of Managua shoeless, selling water, candy and



The well drillers in action in Nicaragua. (Photo by Capt. Lou Martinez, 65th PCH)

trinkets to make a Cordoba (buck). Many Nicaraguans live in shanty communities, homes built with aluminum siding, dirt floors and poor plumbing. Humanitarian missions are nothing new to engineers with the 247th. Operation New Horizon is their fifth humanitarian deployment to Central America. This tour is Sgt. Matthew Collins fourth

overseas deployment with the 247th. This team leader from Westbrook, Connecticut has been deployed to Guatemala, Panama, Honduras and now Nicaragua.

"I enjoy this, it's one of the reasons I stay in the Guard, so once a year I can go to a foreign land and do a real world mission," said

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Cugno Reappointed, Promoted

Sgt. 1st Class Debbi Newton
State Senior PA NCO

By issuing Executive Order No. Fifteen A, Governor John G. Rowland reappointed William A. Cugno as Adjutant General and Chief of Staff of the Connecticut National Guard and State Military Department for a four-year term ending June 30, 2006. The order also promoted Cugno to the rank of lieutenant general in the State Military Department. This order was in accordance with Public Act 01-123 and section 27-19 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Cugno will retain the rank of major general in his federal status.

Cugno was first appointed adjutant general by Rowland in June of 1999. In his first three years as the senior officer of the Connecticut National Guard, Cugno has been faced with many changes in the way the Connecticut Military Department and National Guard do business.

Less than one year into his tenure, Cugno announced "Bold Move", a reorganization of the Connecticut Army National Guard that, while it meant the loss of the 192nd Field Artillery Battalion, would bring transportation, chemical, military police dogs, firefighting and larger public affairs units to the state. With these new units would come new opportunities for female soldiers and more upward mobility for all soldiers. The transportation and chemical units are now recruiting to fill their ranks.

Ten months later, Cugno announced the addition of Larry Alibozek as deputy commissioner of the State Military Department. With Alibozek came a reorganization of the working and command structures of the Military Department.

In the past three years, many major physical improvements to Guard facilities have been accomplished and new projects have been started. Shoreline armories have had their kitchens and other facilities upgraded and brought to within code, a new firearms training facility and several training pavilions have been constructed, a well was

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103rd Logistics Group Receives National Maintenance Effectiveness Recognition



Airmen of the 103rd Logistics Group stand ready to receive their award for maintenance effectiveness from Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, Adjutant General. (Photo by Senior Airman Jeremiah E. Macht, 103rd Communications Flight)

STAFF SGT. STEPHEN H. MCKAY
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, 103rd FW

The Connecticut Air National Guard has yet again distinguished itself nationally by winning the Air National Guard Maintenance Effectiveness Award for 2001.

The Flying Yankees 103rd Logistics Group earned the award for the small aircraft category by accomplishing superior aircraft maintenance during the period of October 2000 through September 2001, while flying an amazing 4212 combined flying hours.

"You are the (strength) of the organization...the backbone who never lets us down," said Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, as he presented the

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UP FRONT WITH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Welcome Home, Job Well Done

Over the past few weeks we have welcomed home many of Connecticut's guardsmen and women who have served so honorably in the defense of our country's interests throughout the world. I am proud of the effort put forth by our soldiers and their leadership to accomplish the many missions they have been asked to carry out.

The 2nd Battalion, 192nd Field Artillery was the first to return home. They were instrumental in securing Olympians and spectators at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Utah. The task force was commanded by Lt. Col. Francis Vahle who, along with his staff, deployed the battalion supplemented with augmenters from other units around the state. Their ability to organize and deploy these soldiers in the very short period is noteworthy. Vahle should be proud of his unit's accomplishments and demonstrated success. The Connecticut National Guard deployed more than 300 soldiers to the region in support of the Olympian mission. Their performance was outstanding – Congratulations to Vahle and your unit for a job well done.

I had the opportunity to visit Vahle and his soldiers during the Olympic Games. Missions of the task force ranged from checking and securing automobiles approaching venues to assisting the myriad of law enforcement agencies with specific

security requirements. The moral was high and their mission essential to a successful and safe event – not just for our country but that of the international community.

The next unit to return home was the 143rd Forward Support Battalion. They were part of the 29th Infantry Division's Stabilization Force deployment to Bosnia. They provided logistic support to a number of units within their area of operations. Lt. Col. Michael Casey and his team were instrumental in facilitating the day-to-day operations of both air and ground soldiers. Their headquarters at Comanche Base was the cornerstone to many successful operations. The 143rd Forward Support Battalion's mission was crucial to the overall success of the division – a performance we all can be proud of. The soldiers returning possess a new talent and experience that we may all learn from. Share their experiences with all our members and we'll all learn from it. Outstanding job!

The last to return was Company B of the 1-102nd Infantry Battalion. Commanded by Capt. Robert Brafford, the company's primary mission was base security at Eagle Base. This included an air strip which was utilized to supply the divisional units and provide rapid mobility as required.

I also visited both the 143rd Forward Support Battalion at Comanche Base and Company

B, 102nd Infantry at Eagle Base in December with a Connecticut contingent of 60 persons. They came from a wide variety of disciplines to include municipal leaders, state and federal congressional representatives, clergy, and media. The visit provided these people an eye opening experience as to the diverse missions our guard is asked to fulfill. What we all witnessed was a hard charging, "can do" organization, eager to get the mission accomplished in true Connecticut National Guard fashion.

In addition, Maj. Gen. H. Steven Blum, Commander of the 29th Infantry Division (Light), was very appreciative of the hard work and dedication that both organizations displayed during their tour of duty. He shared with me his true appreciation of the quality of our troops. He was also quick to point out that our troops were among his most outstanding performers.

I was extremely proud to show off Connecticut's guardsmen and women at their best. All three organizations, the 2nd Battalion 192nd Field Artillery, the 143rd Forward Support Battalion, and Company B of the 1-102nd Infantry all made us proud to be Connecticut soldiers, airmen and women. Their willingness to volunteer their time and talents to these noble causes is what the Connecticut guard is all about.

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ENLISTED UPDATE *No Regrets*



BY STATE COMMAND
SERGEANT MAJOR
STEPHEN L. PRIMETT

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the soldier who will be the next State Command Sergeant Major. He becomes only the fifth State CSM. Most of you will already know him; he has been out in the field as much as I. When you look up from a training event he is always there. A very special good wish for my successor, an outstanding senior noncommissioned officer, for nothing but success in his new assignment. He will be coming from the recruiting command. His name is Sgt. Maj. Raymond Zastaury. I would hope you would support him as you have me for the last six- plus years.

I can't tell you how much I will miss the soldiers of the Connecticut National Guard,

soldiers that have been a part of my life for the last 32 years. I must thank you, as you have been my strength, energy and enthusiasm. I have no regrets, only admiration for the soldiers whom I have had the pleasure to have come in contact with and served with. I was very lucky to have served with some great mentors who led me in the right direction and made damn sure I did what was the right thing to do. The vast majority of my career was spent at the 1109th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot located in Groton. I started as a specialist and left as a sergeant major.

When I was selected as the State CSM in 1996 to replace retiring Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony (Tony) Savino, it was not something I ever envisioned nor did I ever imagine was achievable. As it was, I couldn't even spell Infantry, Engineer or Field Artillery, but all of you made me feel welcome

and as time went on I seemed to get it right with the support of you and your commands.

I remember maj. Gen. David Gay the day I reported in his office on my first day on the job. He looked up from his desk and said, "Well, what are you looking at? We have work to do and what ever you did to be successful at the AVCRAD I want you to bring to the rest of the Guard. I want the playing field level for every soldier, not some having a running start understand?"

The rest is history. I lived by those words and these, "A soldier is not an interruption of our work. They are the purpose of it. We are not doing them a favor by serving them. They are entitled to our service. Take care of our soldiers. That's why we are

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Partnership for Peace with Uruguay Moves Forward

STAFF SGT. STEVE MARKOWSKI
65TH PCH

Montevideo, URUGUAY-Although they are separated by more than 5,000 miles, and a couple of time zones, the state of Connecticut's partnership program with the country of Uruguay continues to move forward.

A delegation led by Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, visited Uruguay, March 18-22, in order to hold face-to-face meetings with the country's minister of defense, the commanders-in-chief of the defense services, and the U.S. ambassador to the South American nation.

The visit by the commanding officer of the Connecticut National Guard is the latest in a continuing effort to develop the State Partnership Program, which includes exchanging information, mutually beneficial training and detailed discussions regarding respective policies and procedures. The National Guard State Partnership for Peace Program links U.S. states with emerging democracies of Central and South America, Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

"The purpose of my visit is to get to know each other and to learn more about each other," Cugno told Lt. Gen. Carlos Daners, commander-in-chief of the Army of Uruguay. It was the first meeting between the two.

Cugno informed his counterpart that as Connecticut's adjutant general, approximately 60 percent of his responsibilities are related to emergency management. Daners spoke of his responsibilities, at a time when severe flooding caused approximately 1,000 people to be evacuated from Montevideo. March 2002 has been unusually rainy for Uruguay, which has just begun its autumn season.

"We are deeply involved in emergency operations," Daners said through an interpreter. "We have people deploying and working with the relief efforts. We don't have a reserve or national guard system as you do, so we have to keep the army ready to act and assist in flood-relief operations." The Uruguayan Air Force and Navy also conduct emergency response missions, such as search and rescue efforts.

Cugno and Daners also discussed peace-keeping operations (PKOs), which have involved high percentages of overall troop strength from within the respective entities. On the day of the meeting, coincidentally, the 143rd Forward Support Battalion, based in Cugno's hometown of Waterbury, was returning home from its PKO mission in Bosnia.

Uruguay is the highest per capita contributor to United Nations PKOs, and also has peacekeepers in the Sinai region, which is a PKO that is not led by the UN. Most of the Uruguayan peacekeepers currently deployed are serving in the extreme jungle conditions of the Congo, in Africa.



U.S. Ambassador Martin J. Silverstein (left) welcomes Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, adjutant general of the Connecticut National Guard, to the ambassador's official residence in Montevideo, Uruguay. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Markowski, 65TH PCH)

Cugno assured Daners, as well as the respective commanders-in-chief of the Uruguayan Navy and Air Force, that the Connecticut National Guard will assist Uruguay in any way possible, through the Partnership Program. Future exchanges might include troops with various technical skills, such as engineering and fire fighting. The public affairs program is likely to continue at a more intensive level.

The two Army generals shared a discussion about the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the U.S.

"What happened September 11th has also affected our army," Daners said. "We are assuming the tasks of planning, and operations in antiterrorism." Cugno mentioned that he has had approximately 1,000 National Guard troops on active duty since the attacks.

Cugno and his delegation toured the headquarters and museum of the 1st Cavalry

Regiment, the unit originally led by Uruguay's hero of independence Jose Artigas.

The population of Connecticut is approximately the same as that of Uruguay. But there are more substantial reasons that the partnership makes sense, according to United States Ambassador to Uruguay Martin J. Silverstein.

"Connecticut and Uruguay share a lot of traditions - strong naval history, fishing industry, agriculture, a highly educated populace. It's a perfect match," Silverstein said. "This is a great idea, because there is so much that the Uruguayans can learn from us, and so much that we can learn from them, that the partnership is proving to be a very valuable program."

Silverstein also spoke about the developing technological sector of the Uruguayan economy, and the importance of working with business professionals from the United States.

Connecticut resident Steven K. Wilson, president of the Wethersfield-based technology consulting and software development firm, VERTEX, Inc., accompanied the delegation to Uruguay. Wilson, a former Connecticut National Guardsman whose company has international clients, worked with various representatives of the U.S. Embassy, the Uruguayan government and computer-related business professionals from Montevideo. His involvement was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"Uruguay has a small but sophisticated technology sector that could provide U.S. software companies an offshore development alternative to the Asian subcontinent activity so much in vogue now. We'll be exploring this seriously," Wilson said.

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Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, adjutant general of the Connecticut National Guard (left) meets with Lt. Gen. Carlos Daners, commander-in-chief of the Uruguayan Army, at the headquarters of the Army in Montevideo. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Markowski, 65TH PCH)

U.S., Uruguay Plan Public Affairs Symposium

STAFF SGT. STEVE MARKOWSKI
65TH PCH

Montevideo, URUGUAY-With formal face-to-face meetings having further established the partnership between the Connecticut National Guard and the National Ministry of Defense of Uruguay, those involved are developing ways to continue the success of the relatively new program.

Members of the Connecticut National Guard are working with the U.S. Office of Defense Cooperation assigned to Uruguay, to develop a five-year plan that will be mutually beneficial for the participants.

A main component of the program is sharing information and strategies to gain positive media coverage, particularly from within Uruguay. In February, two members of the 65th Press Camp Headquarters traveled to Montevideo to meet with the public affairs officers of the National Ministry of Defense of Uruguay, and of the respective armed services. This was the first step in planning a public affairs symposium in Uruguay, and initiating positive media coverage for the MND and the Air Force, Army and Navy of Uruguay.

Capt. Lou Martinez, currently a full-time television reporter and a member of the 65th PCH, met with the Uruguayan public affairs officers in February. Martinez was accompanied by Staff Sgt. Steve Markowski, a journalist with the 65th PCH.

Two public affairs professionals from National Guard Bureau also made the trip in February, assisting in the information exchange.

Future projects within the partnership might include deployments involving medical professionals, as well as economic development initiatives through Connecticut's Department of Economic Development. Uruguay is a country without an abundance of natural resources. The country is known for its leather production, as well as high-quality beef. With its scenic beaches, the country benefits from the tourist trade, as does Connecticut.

In fact, the country is promoting itself as a destination for eco-tourism, a concept that is likely to develop further.

The country is also working on developing the timber industry, and increasing its exportation of produce. The partnership with Connecticut could help in all of these efforts.

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Flying Yankee Firefighters Support Operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle at Nellis Air Force Base

CAPT. GEORGE H. WORRALL III
103RD FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

The Flying Yankee Firefighters are at Nellis Air Force Base, for now.

A dozen firefighters from the Connecticut Air National Guard's 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron are deployed from Bradley Air National Guard to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. for Operation Enduring Freedom/Noble Eagle for one year.

The firefighters are involved in all areas of firefighting on the base from manning the traditional fire station in base housing to flight-line fire protection.

"In my first shift here I did more firefighting-wise than the whole time since returning from training" said Senior Airman Nicholas N. Calsetta, firefighter, 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron.

"They are doing fantastic ... putting in long hours ... a bunch of top notch guys," said Mike Doley, fire chief, Nellis Air Force Base. The firefighters work 24-hour shifts at the base and normally log 72 hours per-week.

While they have settled into the busy routine at Nellis, the members expect to be deployed to another location overseas during the summer.

"Starting in June about ten of us here with the guard are going to be deploying overseas," said Senior Airman Matthew W. Atwood, firefighter, 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron. "Hopefully we will be home before Christmas."

The deployed firefighters had good things to say about the support they are receiving from unit organizations at Bradley.

"The Financial Management people, 103rd Fighter Wing, have been phenomenal working with us," said Master Sgt. Eric B. Munsell, night shift fire department supervisor, 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron. "We have had a couple minor glitches, but they stayed with the problems and worked them through."

The firefighters were particularly grateful for the support they received from their own 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron.

"I can't say enough good things about [Master Sgt.] Carl Rollins [103rd Civil Engineering Squadron]," said Munsell. "From the time he called me, about three days before we got activated, I think he has worked 24 hours a day on this stuff."

"He (Collins) was there before we were every morning getting everything in order," said

Senior Airman Nicholas N. Calsetta, firefighter, 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron. "Some of us wanted to drive here and he made it happen. Whenever we call home with questions he researches it and gets back to us right away and he deals with everything coming in and going out and he has done an excellent job."

The Flying Yankee firefighters of the 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron came to Nellis with the training they needed to go right to work.

"They were excellently prepared for the mission here," said Mike Doley, fire chief, Nellis Air Force Base. "They integrated right into the group here just like our normal guys."

"All our crew personnel, because of their certifications and training, were put into key positions in the department — crew-chieving, assistant chief of operations, battalion chief and rescue positions," said Munsell. "From the military standpoint what I found very unique was that since we do the Silver Flags (a training exercise) and bivouacs in the guard, we got hands on training that the regulars have not experienced. We had key certifications in the fire service, provided by

the Air Guard, that became an important part of what we do here."

Although there are skills and experience to be gained from the activation, the firefighters were unanimous in describing in their own ways the most difficult part of the deployment is being away from their closest family and friends.

"It's been a great learning experience here," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Sterling, firefighter, 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron, who was in London getting engaged when he was called for the activation. "I am getting a taste of active duty life, but, I wish I was home."

"The active duty folks here understand the situation we are in, 2,000 miles from home," said Staff Sgt. Chad Mason, firefighter, 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron. "We are anxious to get home so don't forget about us."

The Connecticut airmen joined thousands of Reserve and National Guard members called to active duty for Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. As of March 19 more than 24,000 Air National Guard members remain activated under the partial mobilization authority.



Half of the Connecticut Air National Guard firefighters pose at the Nellis AFB firehouse with a holiday banner sent by the Windsor Locks Boy Scout Troop 263. (Photo by Capt. George Worrall III, 103rd FW PAO)



Master Sgt. Eric B. Munsell (left), night shift fire department supervisor, 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron, talks to Connecticut's visiting Human Resource Advisors Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Parra-Gruendel (center), 103d Fighter Wing and Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Palladino (right), Headquarters Connecticut Air National Guard, about what the Flying Yankee firefighters are doing at Nellis AFB. (Photo by Capt. George Worrall III, 103rd FW PAO)



Staff Sgt. Thomas Sterling, Senior Airman Matthew Atwood, Staff Sgt. Chad Mason (left to right), all deployed firefighters, 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron, pose in front of the "Jaguar", which is the Air Force's newest piece of firefighting equipment. (Photo by Capt. George Worrall III, 103rd FW PAO)



Connecticut's visiting Human Resource Advisors Senior Master Sgt. Elizabeth Parra-Gruendel (left), 103d Fighter Wing and Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Palladino (center), Headquarters Connecticut Air National Guard, look on as Master Sgt. Eric B. Munsell (right), night shift fire department supervisor, 103rd Civil Engineering Squadron, shows them a large photograph with the locations of the Nellis AFB fire stations where the Flying Yankee firefighters are working. (Photo by Capt. George Worrall III, 103rd FW PAO)

Announcing the Second Annual Aviation Ball



A military ball, hosted by the 2/126 Aviation Regiment, will be held Friday, May 17, 2002 at the Marriott in Farmington, Conn. The event begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 12:30 AM. It is open to all military personnel, their spouses or guests and military retirees. Highlights of the evening include recognition of some retirees and the command enlisted personnel.

The meal includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, choice of baked scrod, chicken francise, London broil, and dessert.

Tickets are available by contacting Maj. Ed Barry at (860) 386-4045. A discount room rate is available for \$89 per night.

Returning Home With a Lifetime of Memories

**Spc. JEFFREY AUSTIN
65th PCH**

Soldiers of the Connecticut National Guard have always answered the call of volunteerism ever since its inception. Members of the 2nd Battalion 192nd Field Artillery have continued that spirit of volunteerism by providing security at the recent Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

While soldiers at the 2nd Battalion of the 192nd Field Artillery in New Haven were tasked with cleaning weapons and protective masks from their recent mobilization, some of the soldiers took time out to reflect on their experiences in Salt Lake City.

"I met Michelle Kwan," said Spc. Jonathan M. Grimshaw, 2nd Battalion 192nd Field Artillery, radio operator. (Michelle Kwan is the American ice skater that placed third overall in the Ladies Figure Skating and won a bronze medal at the Winter Olympics.)

According to Grimshaw another highlight was on the actual flight to and from the Olympics games. The pilot and all the flight attendants treated all the soldiers first class throughout the trip by providing all kinds of foods and beverages. Warm towels before and after the meals were also provided as a courtesy. While in flight, the entire flight crew would remind the 192nd how much they were appreciated for the service they were providing to their country.

Also, while guard members were providing Olympic security at the site of the metal detectors, many of the athletes would patiently wait in line to get scanned and mentioned to the soldiers how much they appreciated the job that they were doing.

According to Spc. Ryan W. Vedrani, 2nd Battalion, 192nd Field Artillery, cannon crewmember, the most memorable highlight of his experience was to meet and see so many people from all over the world.



Spc. Benjamin J. Mager, 2nd Battalion, 192nd assembles protective mask. (Photo by Spc. Jeff Austin, 65th PCH)

"Many times I've only seen people from other parts of the world on television, but at the Olympics I've had the opportunity to talk to and meet many of these people in person," said Vedrani. "Despite all of the problems of war in the world today, it was good to see all the athletes from the different nations walking and talking together."

Moreover, Vedrani and Grimshaw also took time to reflect on the training they received from the Connecticut National Guard to prepare them for their mobilization to the Olympic games.

"The cold weather training was excellent," said Grimshaw. "The weather in Salt Lake City was extremely cold at times. Properly wearing the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) and staying hydrated at all times while working in the high altitudes were just some of the measures needed to perform a successful mission." There were pamphlets provided to soldiers to always remind them of how to survive the cold

weather if they forgot any of the details of their training.

According to Vedrani, the United States Secret Service gave all the soldiers an excellent briefing on the latest threat at the Olympic games. Soldiers were told to be on the lookout for items such as stuffed teddy bears that can be used as a possible terrorist weapon.

Vedrani and Grimshaw agreed the training they received in the Rules of Engagement was superb and really helped them to perform their mission. Soldiers knew what to look for when checking people for any possible threats.

Spc. Benjamin J. Mager, 2nd Battalion, 192nd Field Artillery, said the highlight of his experience at Salt Lake City was a bit different from the others.

"No terrorist acts happened due to the security provide by the Guard and everyone came home safe," he said.

The members of the 2nd Battalion, 192nd Field

Artillery provided a historical moment for the State of Connecticut. The unit gave honor and distinction not only to the state, but continued the fine tradition of the 2nd Battalion, 192nd Field Artillery. The 192nd worked in concert with fellow Utah Guard members to provide for the security needed to ensure the success of the Winter Olympics. The unit patrolled the Rocky Mountain area of Salt Lake City and endured harsh winter elements for more than 20 days. Not only did the Olympic athletes value the Guard members, but other federal and state agencies.



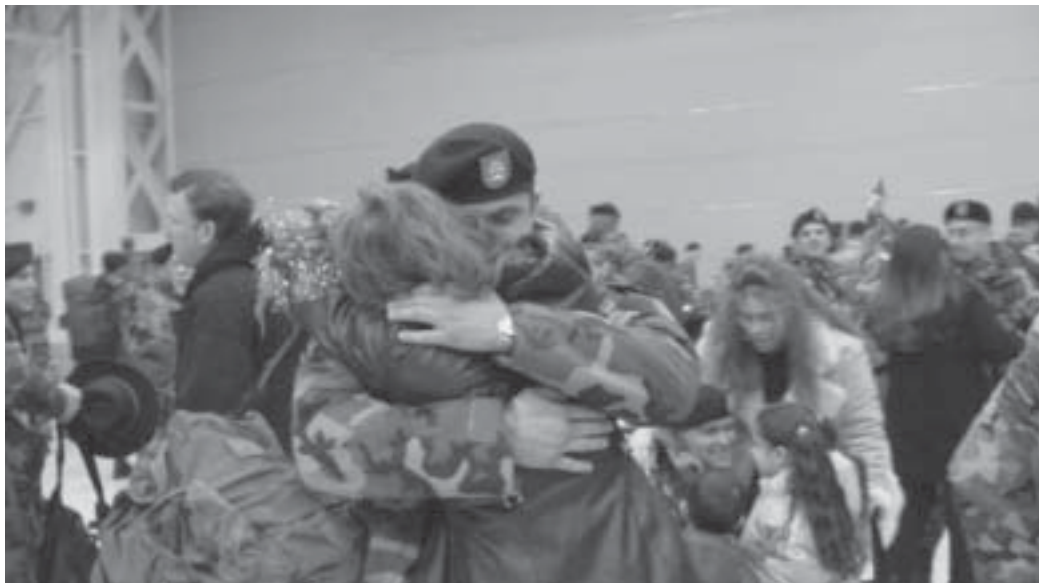
Babies can grow a lot in just one month and this soldier looked upon his youngster with pride and amazement when he saw her for the first time after returning from his security mission at the Winter Olympics in Utah. (Photo by Sgt. Gregory Harrison, 192nd Field Artillery)



A triumphant return home from the cold of the Utah mountains, to the warmth of a loved one's arms. (Photo by Sgt. Gregory Harrison, 192nd Field Artillery)



A kiss awaited this young soldier upon his return after a month securing the Winter Olympics. (Photo by Sgt. Gregory Harrison, 192nd Field Artillery)



Families and friends gathered at the Army Aviation Support Facility to greet members of Task Force 192 upon their arrival home from their security mission at the Winter Olympics. (Photo by Sgt. Gregory Harrison, 192nd Field Artillery.)



Pvt. Dadrian Ellington of the 141st Medical Company takes a break in the shade with several of her new Nicaraguan friends. Ellington was in Nicaragua to provide medical support to the engineers drilling wells and to the local residents. (Photo reprinted from the *Paradise Daily*, the official newspaper of Joint Task Force Chontales, Nicaragua)

On-Site Medics Keep Engineers Working on Personal PMCS

(FROM THE *PARADISE DAILY*, A PUBLICATION OF THE 139TH MOBILE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DETACHMENT, NICARAGUA)

Sitting in an ambulance at a work site, two medics step out of the vehicle and begin to move through the engineers working on the job site.

Each medic is checking for the same things: Are the soldiers drinking enough water? Are they wearing sun screen, is anyone doing something unsafe?

The list of safety checks is long, but the medics know the health and well being of the troops is very important.

"That's why we are here," said Pfc. Courtney Brylow, 141st Medical Company, Connecticut Army National Guard. "We make sure that they soldiers are drinking water and not getting hurt."

The main mission is to make that the soldiers, both American and Nicaraguan, are safe and healthy.

"We make safety and preventative measures our primary responsibility," said Pvt. Dadrian Ellington, 141st Medical Company, CTARNG. "That way we can keep an injury from happening."

According to medics, it is easier for them and better for both the soldier and military to have the medics monitor and reinforce safety on the sites than to have to treat a casualty.

"We act as safety officers making sure the scene is safe for the soldiers," said Pfc. Kevin Goodrich, 141st Medical Company, CTARNG.

The medics follow the soldiers out to the work sites and are the first ones on scene checking for anything that be a hazard to the soldiers. They are also the last to leave the site after ensuring that every soldier is loaded onto the vehicles before leaving the site.

Ensuring the soldiers' safety is the main focus of the medics serving the task force but they also provide medical treatment for any injuries that the soldiers may incur on the job site.

"If it is something I can treat myself, I will do it at the job site," said Brylow. "If it is a serious injury, I will stabilize it and call for another ambulance to replace me on the job site, and I will bring the soldier back to the doctors at base camp."

Fortunately there have been only minor injuries reported by the medics so far and they have not had to put their extensive training to use.

"Thank God no one has gotten hurt," said Pfc. Jennifer Amato, 141st Medical Company, CTARNG.

"The soldiers have been really good at keeping safe. The most serious injury so far was when a soldier got cement in his eye and I had to clean it out."

Medics generally work in teams of two. This way, if someone does get injured seriously enough to need to be medi-vaced, said one medic, one of the medics can drive the ambulance while the other provides medical care.

The job does, however, have some drawbacks.

"It is not easy being a medic," said Spc. Emily Newberry, 216th HSC, Ohio Army National Guard. "It looks like you're doing nothing, but you are there, watching out for the soldiers' safety. It is a pretty heavy feeling knowing that if someone gets hurt, their life could be in your hands."

Yet, thankfully these soldiers are there, ensuring the health and well-being of all the soldiers and thus aiding in the completion of the mission.

Have You Seen the Children?

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Bumps, bruises, long drives to "nowhere."

Bee stings, hot sweltering sun, wrong directions, no directions, no porta-potties, warm weather, bad commo, no commo...

But you have seen the children.

A smile here, a wave there, but joy upon the many small faces we pass.

Graciously, we enter a site to do a mission according to the Armed Forces standards of professionalism. The children: who are completely awe inspired, stand by and watch as we work long hard hours, overcoming many obstacles along the way but please remember our biggest obstacle in a single

day – can't compare to the one and only obstacle these children endure each day – survival.

So when your head and back begin to ache, when the sun becomes so "mucho calor," or when you can't get that NCOIC off your back, take a look at the children.

Smile, wave, say "hello," if you can't speak the language, teach them ours – sing with them, everybody knows LaBamba.

Even if you have nothing to give, your time and your attention are priceless in the eyes of these children.

So sing along, count to 10, say the ABC's and when the job gets tough – TAKE FIVE and ask yourself:

Have you seen the children?



A young Nicaraguan child sits on the sidewalk eating peanut butter crackers. Children in this Central American country eagerly take any food the soldiers have to hand out. (Photo courtesy of the 141st Medical Company)

A Soldier's Journal of Life

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NICARAGUA)

Second day in country. Different feeling – definitely an adventure. The air – clean and pure, the scenery – amazingly beautiful, yet desolate. Enough about modern technology, clothing style and the latest hair and nail color. Here it isn't about the amount of money you have in the bank or the namebrand you wear on your collar, it's about basic survival.

Survival of the fittest – using what nature has to offer and that's pretty much it.

"Houses" are put together using shards of fallen timber, cardboard boxes and even old car parts. These "dwellings" aren't temporary, although they appear to be. Seemingly, transportation is the common donkey or horse, like the pictures you see of the Wild, Wild West. Well, here in the 21st century, in the country of Nicaragua, not much has changed. We made a pit stop for the latrine and water – so we thought.

Our latrine turned out to be down a winding trail, about 100 meters of the side of the road in the woods. Water? No water, but we were

greeted by about 40 children ages three to eleven.

Calling out to us "senorita or senor" with hands out and smiles wide upon their faces. They waited eagerly for donations of any kind. We all managed to scrounge up the left over MREs and some other pieces of left over meals.

The children flocked like seagulls towards any American soldier who put their hand out with an offering. Female and male soldiers alike stood in awe of the desperation and gratitude written upon their innocent faces.

A master sergeant stood back cautiously with his camera and said, "Look at the little princess."

A small girl in a frilly pink dress – almost like a tu tu approached us. As her picture was taken, she smiled and walked away. Many soldiers took pictures and as they did – more than one walked away teary eyed.

I believe we were beginning to have somewhat of an appreciation for our lives, but it will take the duration of our trip to have an understanding of theirs.



Pfc. Heather Kwasnik and Spc. David Torres, both of the 141st Medical Company, administer medication to Nicaraguan locals. (Photo courtesy of the 141st Medical Company)



American and Nicaraguan soldiers work side by side in the medical clinics in Nicaragua. (Photo courtesy of the 141st Medical Company)

Medics Heal Bodies, Hearts

PFC. DAVE HALL
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NICARAGUA.)

When a medical need arises here, soldiers don't have the ability to go to a local hospital. Instead, they're in the capable hands of Army medics.

Soldiers from the 118th Area Support Medical Battalion (ASMB) provide the medical support necessary for Joint Task Force (JTF) Chontales. Their mission is two-fold: to provide for the welfare of the U.S. soldiers based here at Camp Paradise and provide medical care for the local Nicaraguans in the Medical Readiness Training Exercise (MEDRETE) program.

"We provide medical care for personnel assigned to JTF Chontales," said 1st Sgt. Henry R. Aston, NCOIC of the Troop Medical Center (TMC). "We have a doctor and a physician's assistant on staff, but for serious injuries, we have to MEDAVAC to the military hospital in Managua."

The 118th ASMB, based in Newington, Conn., provides three companies to support all of the rotations for JTF Chontales. According to Alston, morale is really good among his troops and everybody is in high spirits. "I have some high speed, hard

charging troops," stated Alston.

The second part of the task force mission is the MEDRETE. This program is Army doctors treating local civilians free of charge. According to duration medical planner, Staff Sgt. Ed Porter, it takes a lot of coordination to perform these missions. "First we have to come down and meet the Nicaraguan Ministry of Health and the Mayors in the towns we will work in. Then we set the dates and bring the units in. Usually we set up in schools."

Each MEDRETE site has 30 personnel working. "We usually have a general practitioner, dentist, eye doctor, gynecologist, physicians assistant, nurse and the rest are our medics," said Porter. "They advertise on the radio and flyers and people come from far away. We usually treat 300 to 500 people a day. When you get done, you know you did something," he continued. "We were working MEDRETES when a little Nicaraguan lady tugged at my sleeve," said Porter, a Canton, Ohio native. "She wasn't able to afford eye glasses. After seeing our eye doc, she could read, and she just wanted to read me her status report... just because she could finally read. That really knocked me off my feet." Porter added, "We're doing a good thing here."



Senior Driller, Sgt. Bill Maloney, 247th ENG, drills a hole in the ground to pump water to the surface in El Coral, Nicaragua. (Photo by Capt. Lou Martinez, 65th PCH)

TAG Discusses Successes, Future with Guardsmen During Breakfast with the Boss at the Hartford Armory

Sgt. 1st Class Debbi Newton
State Senior PANCIO

During one in a continuing series of Breakfasts with the Boss, Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno discussed with those in attendance the successes of the previous year and the challenges the future brings.

The adjutant general started off the morning by discussing Operation New Horizon, a mission that took Connecticut well drillers and medics to Nicaragua for real-world tasks.

"The medics did a great job. It was a very emotional project for them as they worked in clinics in the local communities," said Cugno, who added that the 247th Engineer Detachment had completed the drilling of three wells while there.

Homeland security and defense since 9/11 was a big part of Cugno's discussion.

"Overall security has been tight, thanks in large part to you," said Cugno. "Your commitment and dedication to mission has been nothing short of exceptional. You have delivered in this mission in spades. Your support of mission requirements, on both the state and federal sides, has been outstanding."

Connecticut has soldiers and airmen deployed all over the country and around the world in support of humanitarian, peacekeeping and anti-terrorism missions, Cugno told the nearly 200 people gathered in the Hartford Armory Officer's Club.

"We have people in Afghanistan and a couple more going, some of our aviation folks are in Thailand, the Air Guard has supported Operation Southern Watch and currently has personnel in North Carolina, New York and overseas," said Cugno. "The ACS (Air Control Squadron) has been spinning radar in Orange since September and is still in the game for further

deployments. At one time, we had 1,000 Connecticut Guardsmen on active duty and deployed. We currently have 596 soldiers and airmen still on active duty, with 251 of those scheduled to return from Bosnia very shortly. *(Those soldiers have since returned home.)* And the troops in Bosnia have done a magnificent job. The FSB has been flawless, the one, one-o-second has been spectacular."

Having said all that, Cugno urged the soldiers, airmen and civilian employees of the state military department to "keep your eye on the ball, your head in the game. This isn't over yet. It's not a matter of 'if' any longer. It's now a matter of 'when'?"

"We have to be ready to continually support the mission of the state and to be ready to support the federal mission if, and when, called," Cugno reminded the crowd.

Bold Move is a program of transition initiated two years ago by Cugno that is changing the complexion of the Connecticut National Guard.

"We are transitioning from what we were to what we want to be," said Cugno.

According to the adjutant general, the Field Artillery will fold its colors and turn them in as part of Bold Move. In return, the Connecticut Guard will receive a chemical brigade whose headquarters will be commanded by a brigadier general, a chemical battalion, two chemical companies, a new military police unit with law enforcement dogs and dog pound and a new transportation company.

The dog team will have the capability of conducting drug searches and may be expanded later to include search and rescue and explosives search. The dog pound will be the first of its kind in the country.

Along with these changes in personnel come

facility changes and the money to make them happen said Cugno. He said Brig. Gen. I.J. Zembrzuski, Assistant Adjutant General, and Commanding General - Army, is chairing the site selection committee for the new organizations.

"We are designing facilities to handle those organizations we are gaining," said Cugno. "Some will be new facilities, others will be converted and modernized."

"MILCON (Military Construction) money is always an issue. Last year we received \$11,000,000 for the Air Control Squadron in Orange to get new facilities. Those are being designed now," said Cugno. "We are expecting a big increase in MILCON dollars this year. We are looking for a new New Haven Armory and new facilities for the Camp Rowland RTI (Regional Training Institute)."

Cugno also explained that he and his staff are looking for other, creative ways to upgrade training facilities for the National Guard. For example, he explained that the Army Reserve Center in West Hartford is undergoing a \$22,000,000 renovation and upgrade that will benefit the National Guard as well.

"The plan is to move the Military Police into that facility," He said. "We are looking at no armory standing alone. Public Safety, DEP and other community organizations will be part of what we are doing. These will become true community facilities." Cugno said there has been a big demand for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and Department of Justice training since 9/11. There is a need for new training facilities and this opens the door to endless partnership possibilities for the funding and sharing of these facilities.

Big changes are also occurring at Camp Rowland and Stone's Ranch Military

Reservation. The RTI remains Cugno's major priority at Camp Rowland and he projects it as being a \$22,000,000 endeavor. The main gate is already under construction to improve the look of the camp as well as providing additional force protection. Buildings 68 and 5 are gone, the old rations breakdown facility is gone, as is the former senior NCO building. Federal dollars are being used for environmental remediation and asbestos removal and disposal. Other than the RTI facility, the crown jewel of the Camp Rowland construction project is expected to be the Nett Leadership Hall, named after one of only two Connecticut Guardsmen to have received the Medal of Honor. Cugno said the state currently has half of the \$1.5 million needed for the Nett project and is working on getting the rest. With the new RTI, comes plans for adding MOS-producing courses to the list of NCOES and OCS classes already offered there.

Stone's Ranch is in the midst of getting a new MOUT training site.

"We are going to partner with the Department of Justice, the State Police, U.S. Attorney, State's Attorney and other agencies for the funding and use of this facility," said Cugno.

Cugno holds three to four of these Breakfasts with the Boss a year and says he plans to continue the two-year tradition. According to him, they are a good way to get information out to the troops, squash harmful rumors before they get started and to hear what the soldiers, airmen and civilian employees needs and concerns are.

"It's a great communication tool," he said.

Cugno Reappointed, Promoted

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drilled, roads were improved and a helipad installed at Stone's Ranch, a new housing unit was built and several old buildings were torn down at Camp Rowland, and the 103rd Air Control Squadron is getting ready for a multi-million dollar upgrade and modernization.

Cugno has also seen four Army Guard units deployed to Bosnia as part of peace-keeping missions there, the 103rd Fighter Wing deployed to Southeast Asia to enforce the no-fly zone there, and since September 11, 2001, has seen hundreds of soldiers and airmen deployed stateside and around the world as part of operation Just Cause and Noble Eagle.

Cugno is looking forward to the next four years and seeing the realization of the remaining elements of "Bold Move" coming to fruition as well as the continuation of the modernization of the Connecticut National Guard and State Military Department.

103rd Logistics Group Receives National Recognition

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award March 10 at Bradley Air National Guard Base. "The pilots know how hard you work and appreciate your expertise." The group has deployed four times, including coverage of Operation Southern Watch as lead Air National Guard unit for Air Expeditionary Force Eight. Simultaneously, the group supported home station air defense. With limited staffing due to Southern Watch deployment, the unit generated four A-10 aircraft within 30 minutes of tasking by Northeast Air Defense Sector on September 11, 2001.

"I did four years active duty and never saw as much of the military as I do now... this unit knows how to work as a team," said Staff Sgt. Arron F. Hann, PGM crew leader, 103rd Maintenance Squadron. "I like being in the Air Guard."

The avionics element's outstanding

management of the contract field team that installed a Countermeasures Management System modification, resulted in \$2.2 million in cost savings.

"This is just another indicator that we are the best A-10 unit in the Universe," said Lt. Col. James V. Works, commander, 103rd Maintenance Squadron. "It's a testament to the more than 400 people who work so hard maintaining and servicing our aircraft every day."

The munitions branch excelled both at home station and deployed. The branch excelled in the Department of Defense explosives Safety Board inspection and overhauled all the munitions handling trailers for the 332nd Air Expeditionary Group while deployed, a task that earned the group the Sharp Saber Team Award. "This award is a great," said Senior Airman Daniel Hughes, avionics test

station specialist, 103rd Maintenance Squadron. "I'm staying in to get another one."

The Group's superior technical skills shone brightly as the 103rd was designated as the Air National Guard Single Point of Contact for the TF-34 engine, aircraft weight and balance, and ALQ-131 electronic-countermeasure pods.

"We have the most professional group of people in the Air National Guard today and validation of that comes in the form of awards such as this," said Lt. Col. Frederick R. Miclon, Jr., commander, 103rd Logistics Group, while accepting the award on behalf of the group. "When I first set foot into this hangar over 20 years ago, one of the first things I noticed was a sign on the hangar door that reads: 'Be Professional.' I am proud to say that each and every one of you lives up to that message."

Month of the Military Child: Children Cope with Deployments, Fear, Added Responsibility

CAPT. LOU MARTINEZ
65TH PCH

"Let's go see the Easter Bunny!"

This was the cry of more than 130 children at the breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Camp Rowland. Nothing brings joy to a young child than an Easter egg hunt with their parents. For many Guard children this is the first activity they have shared with their mom or dad in six months, the same goes for children whose parents are serving on Homeland Defense.

Many Army and Air National Guard personnel took advantage of this year's Breakfast with the Easter Bunny to spend quality time with their children. Since 9-11, military families have felt the strain of call-ups and long hours at state Armories.

During the six-month deployment in Bosnia, seven babies were born to members of the 143rd Forward Support Battalion, and others were born to members of the 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry. Many of these soldiers saw their newborns for the first time when they returned in March.

Juanita and Albert Hunt are both in the Air National Guard, with the 103rd Air Control Squadron, both activated for Homeland Defense. The Hunt's 10-year-old daughter Alyssa had to adjust to her parents' active duty lifestyle.

"The routine has changed. I go to bed a little later and I have to get up earlier in the morning," said Alyssa. Sure she misses her parents, but the changes have not affected Alyssa much.

"She's doing very well in school. Her grades are better than before," said Juanita Hunt, 103rd Air Control Squadron, Air National Guard.

National Guard parents have found themselves explaining to their children what they do and why they have to leave for a short while.

Every child handles his or her parent's absence differently. Sgt. 1st Class Diane Russo, who works at the Inspector General's Office, noticed a change in her 8-year-old son Kyle.

"He's been very nervous, afraid that we are not going to come home," she said. Kyle's father is also in the Guard, Lt. Col. Mark Russo who is the 102nd Infantry Battalion commander, as well as a full-time member of the state headquarters.

Capt. Rob McCawley, the S-4 with the FSB, just returned from a six month SFOR-10 rotation in Bosnia. His two-year-old twins, son Ryan and daughter Meagan, showed him how much they missed him.

"They have clung on to me like glue since I've been back," said McCawley. McCawley's wife Pam is a specialist in the Connecticut Army National Guard; she



The McCawley Family



Capt. Valerie Smith and Darrius



Niakia Smith



Alyssa Hunt

*Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Debbi Newton,
State Senior PA NCO*



Kianna Smith

spent the last six months taking care of the twins.

"The kids missed their daddy," Spc. McCawley said. But she credits the Guard's Family Support Program with helping her get through the last six months. "It's nice to know they are there in case you need them. It makes you feel like the National Guard is just a big family."

The terrorist attacks of September 11th have left Guardsmen and Reservists with the reality of a possible call-up. Kianna Smith worries about her mom going away. Kianna's mom is Capt. Valerie Smith, 118th Medical Battalion. Little Kianna's worries are similar to other children whose parents don the uniform.

Smith has three children, 10-year-old Niakia, 5-year-old, Kianna and 2-year-old Darrius. If she has to ship out and serve, Smith knows who she can depend her husband, Wayne.

"We have a routine and go with it. We get

prepared. We can't tell her she can't go. The operation at home changes," said Wayne.

"For any mother it is tough. If I have to go I am confident Wayne can handle it, he's good with the kids," said Valerie.

Some of the older kids seem to understand what their parents do. Alyssa Hunt said it best, "They work a lot but they are helping people. They are keeping the country safe. They are doing their best."

Experts say when a military parent leaves, it's certain to shake the family foundation.

"Because they're a little more fearful trying new things or going to school, because they feel like a part of their support system is missing, is not there," said Betsy Wilber, a therapist. Experts say that parents should answer their children's questions openly and honestly but shouldn't overload them. They should watch TV and read the newspapers with them so they're not as confused or afraid of what is happening. Also, like the



Kyle Russo

Smiths, keep a routine going, and more than anything, children should stay connected with phone calls, letters, or even a daily journal to the parent who's away.



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Women's History Month Celebrated by the Connecticut National Guard and U.S. Postal Service

Left Photo: Marta Varela, Commissioner, New York City Commission on Human Rights was the keynote speaker for the Women's History Day Celebration held at St. Joseph's College in East Hartford last month. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeanne E. Daigneau, 103rd Communications Flight)

Bottom Photo: (L/R) Winifred Coleman, President of St. Joseph's College; Sister Maureen Reardon, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, St. Joseph's College; Kate Wiley, U.S. Postal Service; Judge Nicola Rubinow, Superior Court Judge in Middletown; Brig. Gen. Mary Ann Epps, Assistant Adjutant General and Commander, Air National Guard; Marta Varela, Commissioner, New York City Commission on Human Rights; and Brig. Gen. I.J. Zembrzowski, Assistant Adjutant General, commander Army National Guard stand for the posting of the colors at the opening of the Women's History Celebration. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeanne E. Daigneau, 103rd Communications Flight)



Up Front With the TAG

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Let's not forget our brothers and sisters in blue – our Connecticut Air National Guard. Recently returning from security deployments, our Air Guard Police Force set the pace. They completed security missions in both Rome, New York and Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina. In addition our air controllers just returned from Cleveland, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois assisting the Federal Aviation Administration communicating with military aircraft securing our skies. Also returning were airman who provided disaster preparedness support in Qatar, South West Asia.

Additional deployments that are currently taking place are providing great training opportunities and benefits to our Army and Air Force. We currently have Well Drillers deployed in Nicaragua, Aviation Units in Peru, and a strong partnership program with the country of Uruguay. Our Air Guard has firefighters deployed in Nevada at Nellis Air Force Base and security forces in Dhafra, United Arab Emirates as well. In addition the air guard has airmen and women deployed in other locations throughout the

United States in support of missions from a wide variety of disciplines to include communications, intelligence, finance, and logistics just to name a few. In all cases – our Guard is very busy and very productive. This could only happen with the commitment and leadership of all our soldiers and airmen and women. Keep up the great work!

On behalf of the Governor and the State Military Department thank you for your efforts and for those members that recently returned from deployments - welcome home after a job well done!

This year's theme for our Family Day and Governor Day, scheduled for August 17th is "Welcome Home". I hope you and your family can join the Governor and me in showing our appreciation for all members of the Connecticut National Guard.

Since September 11th, the world is a different place. Our country depends more on its defense forces than ever before. We are up to the challenge. Your dedication, demonstrated professionalism and eagerness provide documented proof that our Guard is Ready and Able for the task. Keep up the great work, I look forward to serving with you.

Warrant Officer Update Warrant Officer Military Education Requirements



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5 MARK S. MARINI
STATE COMMAND CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER

Periodically, I will use this forum to publish information deemed relevant to the Warrant Officer Corps.

This article will address the Military Educational requirements for promotion in the Army National Guard.

Over the years there have been many changes to the military education requirements for promotion within the grades of Chief Warrant Officer. Some of the required schools have been re-designated, have had their names changed, and certain "grandfather" areas have been created. It's no wonder there is confusion as to exactly what the current requirements are.

The Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC), or equivalent certification completed within two years from the date of initial appointment as a Warrant Officer One (WO1) is the requirement for promotion to Chief Warrant Officer Two (CW2).

Completion of the Common Core Prerequisite Correspondence Studies, administered by the Total Army Warrant Officer Career Center (WOCC), Fort Rucker, Alabama **and** the duty MOS Warrant Officer Advance Course (WOAC), or equivalent are required for promotion to Chief Warrant Officer Three (CW3). For those specialties that **do not** offer a WOAC, the minimum requirements are completion of WOBC and the Common Core Prerequisite Correspondence Studies. Warrant Officers should enroll in these courses once they attain three years time in grade as a CW2.

Promotion to Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) falls into two categories. The first category pertains to CW3s with a date of rank **earlier** than 1 October 1995. CW3s in this category must complete their Duty MOS WOAC or equivalent to be fully qualified. The second category pertains to CW3s with a date of rank of **1 October 1995 and later**. **CW3s in this category** must complete the Warrant Officer Staff Course (WOSC), which is conducted at WOCC, Ft Rucker. Warrant Officers should enroll in these courses once they attain three years time in grade as a CW3.

The military education requirement for promotion to Chief Warrant Officer Five (CW5) is the completion of the Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course (WOSSC) conducted at WOCC, Ft Rucker. In order to attend this course you must currently be assigned to a MTOE/TDA position coded Master Warrant (MW), or W5. The Adjutant General approves all assignments to these positions.

Warrant Officer Promotion criteria can be found in Chapter 7, National Guard Regulation 600-101 (Warrant Officers – Federal Recognition and Related Personnel Actions) dated 1 October 1996. This chapter explains all the other requirements necessary for promotion.

If there is a particular topic concerning warrant officers you would like to see addressed in upcoming editions of the "Connecticut Guardian" let me know. I can be reached by e-mail at mark.marini@ct.ngb.army.mil.

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here." That's why I'll retire with no regrets. I tried to do what was right for soldiers all the time.

That's not to say there have not been many changes during those six years - that's not the case at all. We've deployed soldiers and airmen all over the world, some in Saudi Arabia, others still to Bosnia and Hungary. We've been involved with the winter Olympics in Utah and had soldiers deployed to airports. We're bringing on line a Chemical Command, another MP company, a truck company, and military dogs. These are some real challenges that will give more opportunities for soldiers to advance in rank with more units available.

I would like to thank everyone by name who has had a part in this journey, but I don't have enough space here, and I know I would miss some of you, so allow me thank all of you, and you know who

you are, for being a part of this trip.

There are three people I will thank by name, though.

I have to thank my high school sweetheart, Jo Ann, who, for the last 31 years of marriage has put up with the missed events and never complained, but got up with me every morning not knowing when I would return. And my two sons, Brett and Bryan, who have made this old soldier very proud of their accomplishments.

As Gen. Douglas MacArthur once said "Old soldiers never die they just fade away." This old soldier won't fade away completely, he will just start another chapter and look for another happy ending. God bless and thank you one and all.

(Editor's Note: Watch future issues of the Connecticut Guardian for information on State Command Sgt. Maj. Steve Primett's retirement party.)

Connecticut Military Department News

General Lucius A. Barber: An Officer and a Businessman - and an Historian

PFC. HOWARD MILLER
TROOP HISTORIAN
FIRST COMPANY GOVERNOR'S HORSE GUARDS

(Second in a series of profiles of the Adjutants-General of Connecticut)

Lucius Albert Barbour was born in Madison, Indiana, on January 26, 1846, but his ancestral roots were firmly planted in Connecticut. He was the only son of Lucius and Harriet Day Barbour and was descended from Thomas Barber who settled in Windsor in 1635. In infancy, Barbour was brought to Hartford where his father was a deacon in the Second Congregational Church from 1858 to 1865 and in the Center Church from 1869 until his death in 1873. General Barbour graduated from the Hartford High School in 1864 and had his first business experience in the Charter Oak bank where he worked as a teller until 1870. In later years, he was to become that bank's president. He was also a vice-president of the Society for Savings, Landers, Frary & Clark of New Britain, and the National Fire Insurance Co. In 1884 he became President and Treasurer of the Willimantic Linen Company.

While pursuing a rapid rise to financial prominence Barbour also was active in Connecticut's military. On September 9, 1865, he enlisted in Battery D of the Hartford City Guard. From private he rose rapidly because of "unusual aptitude, wholehearted devotion, and genuine patriotism," according to a profile published in the Hartford Courant. By 1868 he held the rank of first lieutenant and by September 1, 1875, he became major. In June 1878 he had risen to colonel in Command of the First Regiment, Connecticut National Guard. The Regiment received much praise for its bearing and efficiency when it took part in the centennial of the Cornwallis surrender in Yorktown, Va., in 1881. Barbour resigned his commission on November 12, 1884, but continued to play an active role in military affairs. For many years the Barbour Cup was awarded to high

scorers at regimental target shoots, which he regularly attended. On January 10, 1889, he was appointed Adjutant General on the staff of Governor Morgan G. Bulkeley.

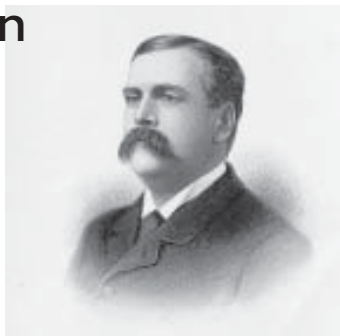
During Barbour's term as Adjutant General, the Third Regiment Connecticut National Guard represented the state at the inaugural of President Benjamin Harrison in Washington. The Fourth Regiment attended the Centennial of George Washington's inauguration held in New York City.

The four companies of Governor's Guards were brought under the control of the Military Department by the state legislature, however it was unclear to what degree that control could be exerted due to the special status and charters of these units.

Barbour had a keen interest history. In attempting to research his own family genealogy, he was frustrated by the difficulty in researching early records available only in local town halls. Barbour personally employed a researcher to begin compiling and transcribing information from town records and vital records up to 1850. His son, Lucius B. Barbour, continued the project in the early years of the new century. The family expended almost \$27,000 on the project and donated the records to the Connecticut State Library. The Barbour Collection of Vital Records continues to be a valuable resource for researchers and historians.

During his tenure as Adjutant General, two important historical works begun by his predecessors were completed and published. These works, *Record of Connecticut Men in the War of the Rebellion*, and *Record of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution, War of 1812, and War with Mexico*, are still standard sources on the war records of Connecticut men in these conflicts.

Barbour was also a Republican State Representative in 1879 and served on the



General Lucius A. Barbour
Commemorative Biographical Record of
Hartford County
J.H. Beers and Co., Chicago, 1901

legislative committee that had charge of Battle Flag Day, September 17, 1879 when the colors of Connecticut regiments were removed from the old arsenal to the west corridor of the State Capitol.

In 1877 Barbour married Harriet E. Barnes, a daughter of a New York publisher. They had two children, a son, Lucius Barnes Barbour, and a daughter Harriet Burr. Lucius Barnes Barbour attended Yale College and also pursued a military career. He enlisted in Troop B Cavalry, formerly the First Company Governor's Horse Guards, in 1911. In 1913 he transferred to the infantry and went on to become colonel in command of Company K, First Infantry, C.N.G. He also held the rank of major and commandant of the First Company Governor's Foot Guards. Taking up his father's interest in history, Lucius Barnes B. Barbour became Examiner of Public Records and a member of the State library staff.

In his later years, Barbour continued to be active in Hartford business and military circles. At the age of 70 in 1916, he was appointed marshal of the parade to welcome home Connecticut National Guardsmen from duty on the Mexican border. He died at his home at 130 Washington Street on November 6, 1922.

2nd Company Governor's Horse Guard Names First Female Commandant

SGT. 1ST CLASS DEBBI NEWTON
STATE SENIOR PANCIO

Maj. Janis E. Arena has been named commandant of the 2nd Company Governors Horse Guard, making her the first female commandant of any of Connecticut's four militia units. She has been a member of the company since October 1998.

Arena was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and traveled a great deal with her family as her father was a West Point graduate who served in the Army and retired at the rank of colonel.

She has a Bachelor's of Arts degree in psychology and Special Education from Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y. She lives in Monroe, Conn. and is the mother of two.

Arena will formally take command of the 2nd Company Governor's Horse Guard during ceremonies to be held later this month.

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Office of Emergency Management Holds Nuclear Drill

MARY ROSE DUBREK & KATHERINE LEAVITT
STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT

"This is a drill."

On March 27, 2002 the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staged a practice Nuclear Incident drill.

Every year the Office of Emergency Management, Northeast Utilities and numerous local, state and federal agencies exercise Connecticut's

Radiological Emergency Preparedness Plan (RERP) for Millstone Station in Waterford, Conn.

This exercise proves that emergency management personnel on all levels are ready in the event of a nuclear incident was to happen.

At the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) the "Governor" directed the actions of all state agencies responsible for responding

to a nuclear incident. The key state agencies involved in the nuclear planning and response are the Military Department, Office of Emergency Management, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Public Health, Connecticut State Police, Department of Transportation, Department of Agriculture and Department of Consumer Protection. All are represented at the EOC during exercises and emergencies, along with

representatives from the Governor's Office, Northeast Utilities, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission), U.S. Coast Guard and the American Red Cross.

According to John Wiltse, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, "The September 11th incident has made these exercises even more critical."

A Triumphant Return Home

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
SGT. 1ST CLASS DEBBI NEWTON
STATE SENIOR PANCO

On two separate days in March, two separate groups gathered in two separate locations to await the arrival of loved ones whom they had not seen in nearly seven months, and whom they had not seen since Sept. 11, 2001.

Neither group was more anxious than the other. Neither group was more emotional than the other. And neither group was more nervous than the other. They just wanted their brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, boyfriends, girlfriends, friends and fellow soldiers to walk into the Southington and Manchester armories so they could see for themselves that they were really home. They just wanted to hug, kiss, touch and talk to their loved ones. Then they would believe they were home.

At both armories, Southington on March 18 for the 143rd Forward Support Battalion, and Manchester on March 29 for Company B, 1st Battalion, 102nd Infantry, families and friends began showing up several hours in advance of the projected homecomings. The armories were filled with food, children running around playing with each other, balloons and anticipation. Newborn babies were in both armories awaiting fathers who had left for Bosnia before they were born.

The 230 soldiers being waited for in two armories had been deployed to Bosnia as part of the SFOR 10 peacekeeping rotation shortly after Sept. 11, but had been at Fort Dix awaiting their flights when terrorists hit the United States. It wasn't as if families had enough to worry about with their soldiers being deployed overseas, now they had to worry whether the soldiers would be redirected to other missions, and they had to understand that, even though no one said it, the soldiers' missions were going to take on a greater importance. After months of worrying, they were about to see their soldiers come into their home armories for the first time in seven months.

In Southington, it was raining and mixing with snow. Yellow ribbons and a gigantic Welcome Home banner were being driven down by wind and rain. Many were concerned that the weather would delay the return from Fort Dix. But almost on schedule, two buses pulled into the parking lot.

The garage bay door at the end of the drill shed floor opened and families and friends eagerly and almost with a military precision, formed a horseshoe around the drill shed to allow their



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soldiers to march triumphantly into the awaiting throng.

Then someone yelled out that they were coming in the door at the other end of the building and everyone turned around and ran towards their soldier. Imagine being gone for seven months and walking into a crowded room and seeing nothing but backs facing you! But it seemed as though no one really cared what door they had come through. They were home!

In Manchester, by contrast, the sun was shining and it was warm enough out for t-shirts and shorts. Yellow ribbons and hundreds of red, white and blue balloons were bobbing a welcome in the breeze. The gigantic Welcome Home banner behaved itself on the front of the building.

Again, almost on schedule, two buses pulled up on the street next to the armory. Families and friends lined the drill shed floor on both sides as the soldiers marched single file into the armory amidst music and cheers from the hundreds of people there. As family members saw their soldiers, they broke loose from the crowd and ran to them.

In both locations, the reunions were priceless. Young fathers holding their newborns and crying tears of joy and pride. Children holding on to their mothers and fathers for dear life. Parents hugging their children. Couples sharing their first kiss in months.

After the brief and very public reunions, military pomp and circumstance took over, however briefly. Assistant Adjutant General and Commanding General of the Connecticut Army National Guard, Brig. Gen. I.J. Zembruski made a short welcome speech during which he told the returning soldiers how proud their fellow soldiers, citizens and loved ones were of the job they had done in Bosnia. Then the senior officer from each unit made brief speeches which conclude with the words that all in attendance had waited seven months to hear – "On the command of 'Fall out,' you are dismissed!"

(Editor's Note: Approximately 20 soldiers remained behind in Bosnia to assist with the Transfer of Authority between SFOR 10 and SFOR 11. Those soldiers returned too late to make the publication deadline for this article, but their return will appear in the next issue of the Connecticut Guardian.)



TGIF – The Guard Is Family:

National Volunteer Week a Time to Thank so Many for so Much

DOROTHY J. OGLIVY-LEE
CHIEF, FAMILY PROGRAM
NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

To National Guard Family Program Volunteers:

The week of April 21-27, 2002 is designated National Volunteer Week. This is a time to formally recognize the numerous sacrifices you make on a daily basis that ensures the success of our Family Program. Without your tireless and selfless dedication, our program would not exist. The past several months have put us to a test beyond any that we could have imagined, but one that you are again passing with flying colors.

On September 11, 2001, our nation suffered a terrible loss at the hands of terrorism and yet in the midst of that tragedy we learned that our spirit would not be broken even though our hearts had been. It was during this terrible time in our nation's history that we saw volunteerism surge as Americans reached out to each other to help in any way possible. It made our hearts swell with pride to witness such an outpouring of concern and action.

Shades of Green at Walt Disney World: Beginning 1 April 2002, Shades of Green at Walt Disney World, (the Armed Forces vacation property), will undergo a major renovation and expansion that will close the resort through September 2003. During this period, guests with an existing reservation will be moved to the Contemporary Resort. (If you are holding a reservation for dates during the period mentioned above, you should have been contacted by Shades of Green by this time.) If you were planning on staying at Shades of Green during this time, you will be placed at the Contemporary Resort also, at the same rates as Shades of Green, pending availability. If the resort is full for the dates you request, be sure to ask

At the same time that we look back at what we have experienced as a nation, we look forward knowing that this struggle against terrorism will neither be swift nor easy. The importance of your roles as volunteers, and the critical need for your services and support, cannot be over emphasized in these uncertain times. You are vital to every thing that we do in the Family Program to service to our National Guard mission, members and families.

In his State of the Union address on January 29, 2002, President Bush stated, "we want to be a Nation that serves goals larger than self. We have been offered a unique opportunity, and we must not let this moment pass." As I look at the work you continue to do, I can truly say you have not let the moment pass. In the rush to accomplish the mission we may not always say thank you for a job well done, but never doubt for one second that the work you do is truly appreciated by all of us in the Family Program and in the National Guard. Mere words seem inadequate, but please know they are heartfelt. For all you do, and all you represent, we thank you.

for placement on the waiting list or for a referral to another property. For those who were planning on purchasing attraction tickets from the Shades of Green during the renovation period, you may continue to do so at the Contemporary Resort also.

Family Day 2002 - This year's Family Day will be held on Saturday, August 17th at Camp Rowland. Watch for further details about the day in the near future. The theme of this year's event will focus on the successful CONUS and OCONUS mobilization and deployments of our Army and Air Guard members and will serve also as a tribute to their service and to that of their families.

OpEd: *Being a "Military Couple" After 9/11*

SENIOR MASTER SGT. KRIS SHAW
CHIEF, MILITARY PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, CTANG

My personnel RIP says the definition of my husband is "Spouse-Enlisted Member ANG," I never really knew the consequences of that until 9/11.

At 0846 on that tragic day I was safely at work at the Hartford Armory, pushing mountains of paperwork for the Connecticut Air National Guard. I heard the news first on the radio, and then searched the armory trying to locate a television so I could try to comprehend what I was hearing. I found a group of individuals in the "TAG Conference Room" watching the events unfold. We all sat silent, mesmerized by what we were seeing, and slowly shaking our heads.

Sometime around 0915, I thought of my husband who was home since he works mid-shift and who was probably just entering into a deep sleep. I called the house and heard a sleepy hello on the other end and simply said, "Turn on CNN."

For the most part we sat silent on the phone. Every once in awhile one of us would say, "Oh my God."

Between us, we have served proudly in the military for 35 years. We both had taken the same oath, to protect and defend our country, but on the phone together we felt helpless and that we had let our country down. The military has been good to both of us; we had made sacrifices throughout our careers but nothing too drastic. My husband is a member of Security Forces Squadron at Bradley ANG Base; he was back at that base by 1030 that morning.

The time that has passed since 9/11 is just a blur. We both started working 12-hour shifts, usually opposite of each other. The country was entering into a whole new ball game and so was our adjutant general.

The general's phrase, "Head in the Game" was taken very seriously, but like so many other families there were a few games that we still had to play in addition to being at war. There were still kids, college, families, bills, pets, homes, etc.

On October 7, my husband told me he was leading the first tasking for a 15-person Security Forces team to an undisclosed location. It finally hit me, I was no longer just a senior master sergeant, I was a spouse who was going to say good-bye to her husband and than try to figure out how to manage after he was gone. Although together for many years, we had just married this past summer. We were still newlyweds!

My husband began to organize his team and us for his departure. He had prepared his Desert BDU's, but by some miracle he ended up staying in the United States. By October 13th, he was gone. I adjusted into a whole new way of life. I took care of my stepchildren, the house, dog, appointments, finished our home projects, kept his family informed, and tried to stay at least a half step in front of my boss, the adjutant general.

I was just one of thousands of spouses who have and will stay behind while the other goes off to fight the war. I was more fortunate than other spouses. During this deployment, he could reach us by car and he did!

My husband is home now and works days. I cherish having him home with us but realistically in his career field, we know it is a matter of time until the next tasking will call him away again. We don't really talk about it, but I do feel more prepared now. I doubt as a "personnelist", my skills will be called upon to fight the war, but my job and role here has changed drastically and my husband has had to endure the nights I don't show at the house until very late, only to get on the computer after a quick bite to eat. He has also "sucked it up" when I have had to travel or work weekends, simply knowing now more than ever we both have to fulfill our roles as members of the military, but most important to each other.

To all of you who will say good-bye to your spouse in the future, I can tell you that you learn an appreciation for what the other one does and when they return you no longer take those little things for granted. In my case, I can tell you he can take those nasty garbage cans out anytime!! The definition of today's "military couple" or just being married when one "is in" is changing. Prior to 9/11, I heard many say it is just a job to pay the bills. That thought process can no longer be tolerated! It is a commitment that cannot be fulfilled without support from your spouse, family and friends.

So many of our friends are asking the same questions... "Does one of us get out?" "Are we prepared for one to leave or both?" "Who will take the children?" "Will we be allowed to retire?" "Can we handle the cut in pay if activated?" "How long can this last?".....The questions are endless and need to be addressed. My husband and I unconsciously stepped up to the challenge, embracing our own core values, and looking forward to the future.

HELP WANTED

The 169th Leadership Regiment has part time opportunities for qualified instructors and TACs, E-7 thru O-3.

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Climbing rocks, walking through marshes and hiking up hills. This is what 30 soldiers covered in camouflage from head to toe did to find strategic points at Stones Ranch in East Lyme, Conn. This was how the State Area Command (STARC) spent their March drill.

Common Task Training (CTT) consisting of land navigation, shock treatment and prevention and learning to recognize and react to a chemical or biological hazard filled the day.

"The purpose of the training was to conduct CTT in a field environment and to ensure that Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD) is in soldering compliance with the regular army," said Capt. Raymond S. Turner, the Executive Officer of STARC. Turner has been part the unit for one and a half years and in the National Guard for more than 19 years. "This mission was beneficial to the

enlisted folks and to the officers because it exercises the officer staff in planning functions," said Turner.

The unit was broken up into seven teams. Each was tasked to find four points by using a map, compass and a protractor. The terrain ranged from paved road to marshy wetlands. Guard members came across boulders, garden snakes and hilly terrain. Despite the cumbersome terrain and a few blistered feet the outlook of the mission from the soldiers seemed positive.

"I absolutely loved it. For the longest time, STARC hasn't been able to get field experience, so it was nice to get out there and get dirty," said Spec. t Lori Michaud, a computer specialist from STARC.

Adding excitement to the day, instead of going back to the Hartford Armory by bus, the Guardsmen took a Chinook helicopter back to Brainard Airport and then road marched back to the Hartford Armory where

STARC is located. Beeps, cheers and stares from passersby, and even a meal offer from the Polish Club in Hartford was motivation for the soldiers during the four mile march back to the Hartford Armory after a long day of training.

"It went well, the training was successful," said Maj. William Adams, the STARC company commander. "We had to do some field training, we focused on land navigation and tactical communication. We even grabbed airtime to add to the training because STARC normally does not fly. By flying we saved time, which we used to road march back from Brainard Airport."

"After being in the Guard for almost five years, after this weekend, I finally understand how to correctly do land navigation. I liked the helicopter ride and I think we should do more activities and field exercises," said Spec. Katherine Morris, a telecommunications computer operator and

maintainer with the Department of Information Management.

"I thought it was good training because it put us in a situation where we had to use land navigation skills. It also helped me because I haven't been to Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) yet," said Spec. Greem Nicholson, an administrative specialist with the Facility Maintenance Office.

STARC's training was successful and enjoyed by the enlisted personnel and the officers. Michaud liked it so much she said, "I asked Maj. Adams when we could do an overnight!"

Adams' long-term goals for STARC are "a marked improvement in basic soldier skills. Before I took over, STARC had not gone to the woods very much. In the past 12 months we have been in the field five times. As company commander, I want to make all soldiers proficient in common tasks, army physical fitness test (APFT) and weapons qualification."

Flying Yankees Recognize the Best of the 103rd Fighter Wing

SENIOR AIRMAN JULIE BRAGG,
PUBLIC AFFAIRS JOURNEYMAN, 103rd FIGHTER WING

Nearly one hundred airmen were recognized at the 103rd Fighter Wing Annual Awards Ceremony, held February 9, 2002, at the Bradley Air National Guard Base. Each year, the unit recognizes those members who served above and beyond their duties.

Among many of the unit's top performers are the Outstanding Airman, Non-commissioned Officer, Senior Non-commissioned Officer, First Sergeant, and Junior Officer of the Year for the 103rd Fighter Wing.

The Outstanding Airman of the Year was awarded to Senior Airman Daniel M. Hughes, 103rd Maintenance Squadron. The Outstanding Non-commissioned Officer of the Year was presented to Staff Sgt. Aaron F.

Hann, 103rd Maintenance Squadron. The Outstanding Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year was awarded to Master Sgt. Daniel P. Coppinger, 103rd Security Forces Squadron. The Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year was presented to Master Sgt. Dorene K. Bosco, 103rd Aircraft Generation Squadron. The Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year was awarded to Capt. Kristin H. Joltes, 103rd Medical Squadron.

Members of the 103rd Family Support were recognized for their outstanding support to Connecticut Air National Guard families during the Air Expeditionary Force rotations, Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Col. Dan Scace, commander, 103rd Fighter

Wing, presented Team Spirit Awards to teams of members who put forth extraordinary efforts in the recent months following September 11, 2001, providing superior customer service and dedication to the organization. The two Team Spirit Awards were presented to the 103rd Transportation Team and the 103rd Mission Support Flight Team.

"We thank these teams for their talent, professionalism, and determination," said Scace.

The Diamond Award is an award that is presented by the 103rd First Sergeants Council to an enlisted member who exhibits the core values, outstanding dress and appearance, and exemplary job performance. This year's Diamond Award

was presented to Staff Sgt. Aaron F. Hann, 103rd Maintenance Squadron.

The 103rd Chief's Council presents an annual Chief's Award to an enlisted member who exhibits the core values in everything they do. The individual makes significant contributions in the support of people, mission, family, and community. This year's Chief's Award was presented to Master Sgt. John Macsata, 103rd Mission Support Flight.

"The Commander's Award is awarded to a member who is considered to have contributed the most to the unit and is an individual who is distinguished as being one of the unit's most outstanding performers," said Scace. This year's Commander's Award was presented to Senior Master Sgt. Al Parent, 103rd Maintenance Squadron.



Master Sgt. Dorene K. Bosco (center), first sergeant, 103rd Aircraft Generation Squadron, poses with her First Sergeant of the Year Award and commanders Lt. Col. James V. Works (left), 103rd Aircraft Generation Squadron, and Col. Daniel R. Scace, 103rd Fighter Wing. (Photo by Senior Airman Jeremiah E. Macht, 103rd Communications Flight)



Capt. Kristin Hugya Joltes (center) poses with her Junior Officer of the Year Award and Col. Daniel R. Scace (right) and Lt. Col. Donald Toper, commander, 103rd Medical Squadron. (Photo by Senior Airman Jeremiah E. Macht, 103rd Communications Flight)

CTNG Looking for Marathon Team Members for 2002

MAJ. JOSEPH DANAIO
FACILITIES MAINTENANCE MANAGER

The Connecticut National Guard Marathon Team is looking for up to five team members to represent Connecticut at the 2002 Lincoln Marathon May 3-6, 2002.

The Lincoln Marathon, held annually in Lincoln, Nebraska, has two purposes. First, it is the National Guard's marathon trials. The running team for the Guard is selected from the best finishers. The Guard Team competes against the other services at events that include the Marine Corps Marathon and Army Ten-Miler. Travel and pay expenses for Guard Team members are paid by the National Guard Bureau for these events.

The other purpose of the marathon is to offer a recruiting workshop to train members as Center Of Influences (COI) in the running community. Classes are given for two days that focus on improving running quality and overall fitness. Each year a special guest attends, who maintains worldwide recognition as an "elite runner." Last year Alberto Salazar

presented a class and the year before Bill Rogers attended.

There are prerequisites to becoming a team member and participating in the 2002 Recruiting Workshop. Each member must meet a minimum full marathon time in the last 18 months. Men under age 40 must have run a marathon in under four hours. Men over 40 must have run in under four hours and 15 minutes. Women must have run in under four hours and 30 minutes. Also, any runner over age 40 must have a current over 40 physical. The top three or four runners will be considered for the team. An additional fifth slot is available based on funding.

More will follow about the 2002 Lincoln Marathon and 2002 Recruiting Workshop in the next edition of the *Connecticut Guardian*.

If you would like more information about this "fun in the sun" opportunity, an application and/or would like to train with current and past team members please call Maj. Joe Danaio at 493-2742 or Capt. Jeff Connelly 860-524-4833.



ANNUAL REDLEG BALL



You are cordially invited to join the members of the Connecticut Redleg Chapter of the US Field Artillery Association at their Annual Redleg Ball.



Date: 25 May 2002

Time: 1800-2100 Open Bar
1900 Dinner
Presentations
Social Hour -
Cash bar after 2100

Place: Holiday Inn
80 Newtown Rd
Danbury, CT 06810

Dress: Military: Class A w/
White Shirt and Bow
Tie, Army Blues/Dress
Mess Civilian: Semi-Formal

Cost: \$60.00 per person
\$70.00 after RSVP

RSVP: 25 April 2002

Please detach and return along with check made payable to:
Connecticut Redlegs 1 Lakeview Dr East Norwalk, CT 06850-2017

Name: _____ Rank _____ Unit/Former

Unit _____ Guest: _____

Address _____

I/we will _____ will not _____ attend. Total Attending _____

Entree Choice: ___Roast Prime Rib of Beef ___Chicken Cordon Bleu
___ Baked Stuff Shrimp

The National Guard Association of Connecticut
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March 23, 2002
State Veteran's Home, Rocky Hill, CT

8:00 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 13:00 Business Session

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For more information, please contact SGM(Ret) Joe Amatruda at (860) 247-5000 or
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Check out the NGA CT Web Page at <http://www.ngact.org>

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Inside OCS: No Live Rounds

OFFICER CANDIDATE MORGAN
OCS CLASS 47

Basic Rifle Marksmanship is not a part of the O.C.S. curriculum. I found this out near the end of my first day of O.C.S. Making it to the end of that day was quite an accomplishment since I had imagined the worst. My mind can be a torture chamber of apprehension and doubt. Am I going to make it? Am I good enough? I had many internal questions that only time and a leap of faith would answer. Like most military personnel, I dream of nothing more than being the best. My nightmare is failure. That first day turned out to be a success and each day since has turned out to be a success as well. O.C.S. has been a combination of learning new skills and tearing down old boundaries. I am a better soldier, citizen, brother and son because of O.C.S.

Each day in O.C.S. has had its unique challenges but each difficulty has provided me an enormous opportunity for growth and learning. Who I am today is not who I was in April 2001. I have grown as a soldier and as a person. Many weaknesses have been highlighted, but the program is making me stronger. My TAC Officers have demanded

the most of me, but never more than my own competitive daily demands. I refused to be defeated during Phase I or Phase II where personal deficiencies are pointed out by the TAC Staff moment to moment. Interaction with the TAC Staff during these phases is not fun but totally necessary. My image of what being an officer entailed never took into account the full spectrum of officer responsibilities, but the TAC Staff constantly interact with the candidates, demonstrating the care and dedication that an officer must have for their soldier as well as for the military.

Many good Americans have attempted to become commissioned officers by going through O.C.S., but not all have made it. I gain a solemnity and singleness of purpose when I contemplate this cold hard fact. Following in the footsteps of men and women far more talented than me is humbling, but nevertheless this thought motivates me. Being included in their ranks is an honor and a privilege. I will pick up their mantle, follow their sacrifice and lead by example. This is my dream and O.C.S. has provided me the foundation to reach for it. I look forward with great honor to serving this great nation and serving with the soldiers of my next assignment.

Closing the Back Door: CTANG Recruiting Rallies to the Top

SENIOR MASTER SGT. BRIAN J. BAGLEY
CONNECTICUT AIR NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITING AND
RETENTION SUPERINTENDENT

March and April are the times each year when the recruiting and retention arena meet to discuss future plans, programs and significant issues. It is also when we recognize those that were outstanding in their field for the previous year. The competition is stiff within the eight state region comprised of the New England states, New York and New Jersey.

Connecticut has always fared well and this year was no exception. The Connecticut Air National Guard took the top honors for the Production Recruiter (Master Sgt. Ivan Anglero) and Recruiting and Retention NCO (Master Sgt. Harold Rogers) categories. These awards winners were rated higher than all of their peers within the region and are now competing on the national level for the honor of being recognized the "Best of the Best" within these award categories.

The significance of these awards reflects the hard work and dedication these individuals bring to the recruiting career

field. The endless hours and sacrifice of personal agenda's make them great assets to the Recruiting and Retention Team. They have taken these honors before and it is great to see them receive these awards again. They are the tip of the spear and the pinnacle of success we have achieved in the team spirit of recruiting within Connecticut.

Even more importantly, they represent each and every one of us when they stand up to receive these awards. Since recruiting is a team effort, all of you assisted them in achieving this significant accomplishment. Without each of you talking about the Guard and generating interest and quality leads, we would be dead in the water. All of you are the single greatest asset we have in recruiting and you have done a superb job in helping us do ours. Even though Master Sergeants Ivan Anglero and Harold Rogers were the recipients of these great awards, they represent all of you who have supported them in the past.

On behalf of Master Sergeants Anglero and Rogers, and all of us in recruiting, Thank You for a super successful year, we could not do it without you.

You Can Make A Difference: Leadership Regiment is Looking for Help

COMMAND SGT. MAJ. DANIEL NORKUN
REGIMENTAL COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

The 169th Leadership Regiment located at Camp Rowland, Niantic is looking for outstanding Noncommissioned Officers (NCO) and Junior Officers to help train the future leaders of the Army National Guard and the United States Army Reserve.

Each year the Leadership Regiment teaches the Basic and Advanced NCO Courses along with Phase I, II and III of the Officer Candidate Course.

These courses are open to all soldiers throughout New England, New York and New Jersey, not just to Connecticut Army National Guard soldiers. The Leadership Regiment is directed under the Department of the Army to work under the guidance of The Total Army School System (TASS).

What the Leadership Regiment needs are more instructors, TAC Officers and TAC NCOs. What better person can a young Officer Candidate learn from than an NCO with the experience of a team leader, squad/section sergeant and platoon sergeant.

The steps to becoming an adjunct staff member or full staff member with the Leadership Regiment include the following:

Attend The Total Army Instructor Training

Course (TAITC) - taught at Camp Rowland for two weekend drills and then one Saturday. Do it in either a SUTA status with your unit's approval or, the Leadership Regiment can pay you ADSW to attend.

Attend The Small Group Leader Course (SGL) - Two weekends at Camp Rowland, again either in a SUTA status or ADSW from the Regiment.

To be a TAC at OCS - attend The Tactical Training Orientation Course (TTOC). This is also two weekends conducted at Camp Rowland.

It's that simple to get qualified.

Other factors to consider before accepting the challenge:

•**The extra weekends.** You still need to drill with your unit once you start instructing or TACing. There aren't a lot of slots and the leadership Regiment can't have excess personnel. So you are expected to drill with your unit and then drill with the Regiment, which normally drills the third weekend each month. A lot of outstanding Officers and NCOs in the CTARNG have done this through the years. They have all played a great role in educating and training our NCOs and young officers.

•**The long hours.** Begin Friday evening and finish up late Sunday afternoon. Get up at 0400 - 0430 weekends and to bed 1000 - 1100 each night. In addition, hours of your own in preparing for classes and field work because, remember - this is all extra time.

But, with all bad, there is always some good.

•**The extra pay and retirement benefits.** If you drill with your unit once a month, when you work for the Leadership Regiment, you will be paid two days of ADSW and also earn the extra retirement points.

•**Satisfaction.** The best part. The satisfaction of having trained young soldiers, both NCO and Officer Candidate, to the STANDARD. Watching these young soldiers trip, stumble and then run full speed as graduates of the NCOES program and commissioned officers upon their graduation.

That's about the long and short of it. The leadership Regiment needs you to step forward and assist with the training of our NCOs and Officer Candidates. Are you ready? If you have any questions, contact Sgt. 1st Class Chuck Busscher at (860) 691-4319, or Sgt. 1st Class Colleen Smith at (860) 691-4214.

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Open House:
20 Apr 02

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169TH LEADERSHIP
REGIMENT

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Fax: 860-691-4211
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In Defense of Connecticut's Children: "The HE♥RT Program"

Healthy Environment and Responsible Teens

CAPT. ANNE-MARIE GARCIA
DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION ADMINISTRATOR

About four weeks ago the health teacher from Plainville High School gave our office a call inquiring about the Connecticut National Guard's Substance Abuse Prevention and Role Modeling Education Programs. Across the state of Connecticut Health teachers are required to provide substance abuse education to all high school students each year in order to meet national educational mandates.

My staff and myself assessed our current programs and felt the need to develop something new that would fit the mission for the educators in all the high schools throughout the state. From this concept the HE♥RT Program was born.

Due to the popularity and access to Ecstasy in the last few years, the HE♥RT Program focuses on the category of drugs called Ecstasy otherwise known as Club Drugs. It has been estimated that 750,000 tablets per week are consumed in the New York-Newark-Jersey shores corridor with 2 million tablets per week being imported into the United States. Ecstasy is popular with adolescents at parties known as "raves" and on college campuses and in nightclubs. Urban rave clubs are often the venue for MDMA purchases, it is being purchased, transported and used in increasing quantities within suburban and rural communities. It can cause life-threatening effects acutely. Long-term consumption of the drug can result in permanent brain damage, psychosis and significant impairments in learning and memory after "recreational" doses of the drug have been consumed.

Master Sgt. Melisa Lata, from the



Connecticut National Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program has been going out to several high schools teaching substance abuse education on Ecstasy and other club drugs to teenagers between the ages of 14-17 years old. These classes are conducted during the Health Period and last approximately 40 minutes per class. Some of the messages that MSgt Lata conveys are: (Why do people take it?) Euphoria, increased energy, increased sensual arousal, increased "need" to be touched (hugged) increased "need" for stimulation. What are the after-effects of MDMA (acute withdrawal or hangover) drowsiness, muscle aches (lower back, neck & joint pain), general fatigue, depression, difficulty in concentrating, paranoia, short-lived anxiety and irritability, acne/skin rash, frequent headaches, frequent stomach cramps.

Unfortunately some of the students in the program have some first hand experience with club drugs and are able to give some scary yet real world experiences and provide knowledge concerning the subject of Ecstasy. The CTNG strives to educate our soldiers as well as our youth on the dangers and illegalities of using ecstasy. For educational materials or presentations please call the Connecticut National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program at 860-493-2724 and ask for Capt. Anne-Marie Garcia or Master Sgt. Melisa Lata.

Legal Affairs

Family Care Plans Required by Regulation

CAPT. TIMOTHY TOMCHO
JAG OFFICE

Army Regulation 600-20 requires every single-parent soldier, dual-military couple with children, single pregnant soldiers or pregnant soldiers in a dual-military couple to develop and execute a Family Care Plan (FCP). Soldiers with spouses who are incapable of self-care and emergency-essential civilians are also required to have an FCP. The regulation applies both active and reserve soldiers. A recent Army Link News article (Feb. 1, 2002) indicated that there are roughly 36,000 single-parent soldiers and another 27,000 dual-military-couple soldiers on active duty in the Army. About one out of every eight soldiers requires an FCP.

The development of an FCP is not just another exercise in box checking. It is an important deployment-readiness tool for soldiers and commanders. Essentially, the goal of the FCP is to ensure that children of deployed soldiers receive proper care while their soldier parent is deployed. Personal preparation for deployment, whether for Annual Training or mobilization, is often stressful. Important preparations may be overlooked. An FCP is designed to ensure that soldiers give serious thought to family preparation before deployments.

An FCP, at a minimum, includes proof that designated guardian has agreed to care for the dependents. Powers of Attorney for

medical care, guardianship and the authorization to start or stop financial support should be in the packet. The regulation also requires a letter of instruction to the guardian/escort, which should detail specific instructions for the guardian for the care of the dependents.

Although not specifically required, instructions on how to access important documents, such as birth certificates, insurance documents, leases and contact lists for relatives, should be included in the plan. Soldiers, even if not required by regulation to have an FCP, should contemplate legal-readiness matters well before they receive their deployment orders. Our over 50,000 National Guard soldiers and airmen called to service so far as a result of the September 11th terrorist attacks underscores the necessity of soldiers and their families to be "Always Ready!"

To facilitate family readiness, the Department of Defense has developed a comprehensive web-based military family resource center at <http://www.mfrc.calib.com>. Kim Hoffman, the Connecticut National Guard Family Support Program Coordinator, spearheads our state's effort to ensure family readiness. Additionally, the Office of the Staff JAG is prepared to assist commanders and soldiers with issues of deployment readiness and may be contacted at (860) 548-3203.



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Proud to Serve – A Korean War Veteran's Story

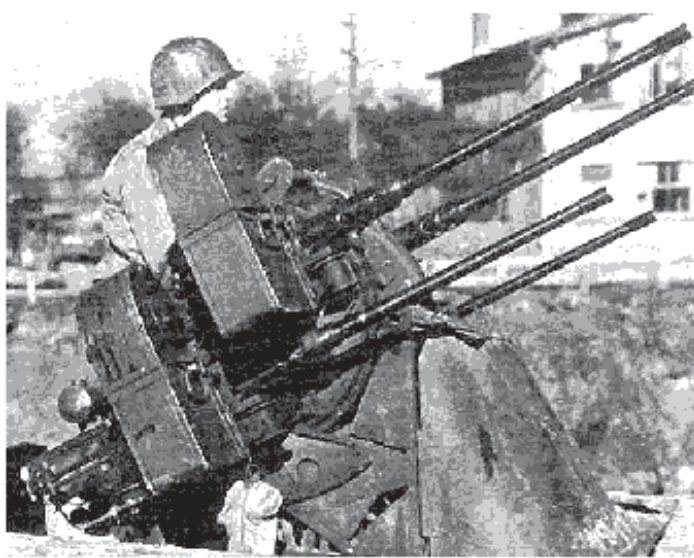
MAJOR SCOTT WILSON
STATE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

On July 10, 1951, armistice talks between the United Nations (UN) and the North Korean People's Army (NKPA) began at Koesong, signaling a potential end to the hostilities of the "Korean Conflict." While it was agreed by both sides that military operations could continue until an armistice agreement was actually signed, the front lines remained quiet in anticipation of events to come. Lt. Gen. James A. VanFleet's 8th Army was occupying recently fortified defensive positions along lines Kansas and Wyoming, both north of the 38th Parallel. The fact that they were north of this line, the prewar boundary between North and South Korea, would prove to be the downfall of the initial round of armistice talks. The North Korean and Chinese felt the original border should be restored; the UN did not agree. As such, on August 23rd, the Communist side broke off negotiations, and the UN Summer-Fall Offensive began.

Master Sgt. Benjamin Goldstein, a recently called replacement, was aboard a ship bound for Yokohama, Japan. He was unaware of any impending break in the armistice talks in Korea; frankly, he was unaware of what lie ahead. A member of the 172nd Operations Detachment of the 103rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) Brigade, he had been stationed in the basement of the Chicago Museum of Science, where his unit recently established a fire direction center. As the holder of a specialized MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) – Computer Fire Director – and as a veteran of World War II, he was needed as a replacement, and was called to Japan, where he would receive his assignment upon arrival. En route, he learned that his ship was being diverted...it would land at Pusan and he would join in the "UN Police Action" to fight against the Communists.

Today, Lt. Col. (Retired) Benjamin Goldstein remembers his thirty-four years of military service fondly, solemnly, and proudly. A veteran of two wars, Goldstein was first inducted into the Army on March 25, 1943. He performed his basic training at Aberdeen, Maryland, and was then assigned to the 75th Infantry Division out of Louisiana. The Army decided Goldstein would benefit from further education, and sent him to City College in New York City, where he took courses in basic engineering. Upon completion, he rejoined the 75th, now fighting with Patton's 3rd Army in Europe, and was assigned to the 528th Field Artillery Battalion. He served in a fire direction center and often flew in the small "L5" planes to act as a forward observer, directing artillery fire from the air.

In 1945, at the end of the war, Goldstein was discharged into the Enlisted Reserve Corps (similar to the Inactive Ready Reserve of today), and joined the Hartford Police Department. In 1949, he decided to join the



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Connecticut National Guard, and was assigned to the 172nd Operations Detachment in West Hartford. A few days after his marriage to his wife, Kayleen, he was recalled to active duty. He traveled to Camp Stewart (now Fort Stewart), was involved in "opening" the camp, received additional AAA training, and then left for his short-lived assignment in Chicago.

When the Communist side broke off the armistice talks in August of 1951, Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's UN Command responded with a new offensive, driving north of their current positions along lines Kansas and Wyoming. Much of the renewed fighting occurred in the west-central area known as the "Iron Triangle."

Master Sgt. Goldstein landed at Pusan, received some abbreviated training, and re-boarded a ship that landed him at Inchon. He was assigned to A Battery, 26th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (Self-Propelled), part of the 24th Infantry Division. Goldstein was given six "half-tracks" with mounted Quad-50's (he had never used, or even seen a half-track), and was immediately thrown into action supporting the 24th's infantry regiments. He was named the A Battery Platoon Sergeant, but often lacked a Platoon Leader, so he filled both roles.

A Battery frequently attached to a small contingent of tanks and some riflemen, and would move ahead of advancing troops to secure a piece of land until their arrival (the Quad-50's proved to be not only an anti-aircraft weapon, but also an effective anti-personnel weapon). Following what became a common theme in the Korean War, the 24th's infantry regiments would take militarily significant terrain features, only to be knocked back shortly afterwards. In many

cases, these units became surrounded, and were cut off from the rest of the unit.

"We would have to go and rescue these units, and it was a fight all the way," explains Goldstein. "The 19th (Infantry Regiment) was a unit we did a lot of support for. There was one instance where we all got cut off for sixteen hours. We were pounded with mortars and artillery. It was a tough time."

At this phase of the war, the enemy A Battery faced in the Iron Triangle area was the Chinese. He recalls that they used psychological warfare in addition to standard methods.

"At night, the Chinese would play funeral marches over loudspeakers. It was frightening. We would hang cans and place grenades all around our perimeter so we'd know if they were coming for us. The nights were bad...we always looked forward to the daylight."

Many of the "named" battles of the Korean War took place in the Iron Triangle area – Bloody Ridge, Punchbowl, and Heartbreak Ridge are just a few. But, as Goldstein explains, "We didn't know the names. We only knew what was in front of us – that was our whole world."

Goldstein's other memories of the war are more innocuous, but nonetheless still descriptive of the conditions at the time.

"I remember day after day eating K-rations. They weren't great, and after some time you got very tired of them. I instructed our mess sergeant to go find us some real meat, so he took some soldiers in a Jeep and went to find us some. He came back with the meat, but he no longer had the Jeep...we did what we had to at the time." The South Korean nationals did, as well. Goldstein recalls, "They would follow us, and they would get

their food from the garbage we left behind. They also did what they had to do to survive."

Armistice talks between the UN and the NKPA began again in late October, after the UN forces objectives were secured. The North Koreans and Chinese dropped their demand that the armistice line be at the 38th Parallel, and the existing line of contact was accepted as the demarcation line, as long as the armistice was signed within the next thirty days. While the armistice was not signed until July 19, 1952 (negotiations had stalled late in 1951 over the exchange of prisoners of war), a lull in most major fighting allowed the UN Command to make some changes in its force structure. In February of 1952, the 40th Infantry Division, one of the first National Guard divisions to serve in the war, relieved the 24th Infantry Division.

Recently promoted 2nd Lt. Goldstein returned from Korea in February of 1952. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his service, under a citation that reads (in part): "Using his multiple mounted machine guns in close support of the infantry, he (Goldstein) frequently accompanied forward elements of the infantry in the attack, often into areas known to be heavily mined and subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire." He rejoined the Connecticut National Guard, first as a staff officer in Headquarters, State Area Regional Command (STARC), and then as an officer in the Selective Service detachment, from which he retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1976-77. He also rejoined the Hartford Police Department, from which he also eventually retired after attaining the rank of major.

Goldstein recalls that, while in Korea, he often asked himself, "Why are we here?" Today, he believes he understands.

"My parents immigrated to the United States from Poland. They came seeking freedom, and they found it. This country has been very good to me, to my parents, and is good to all Americans. It troubles me to hear people bad-mouth America – we need to recognize that it is all right to question policies, but when the country calls, we are indebted, and we must respond. It is our duty."

When asked how he feels about Korea being a "forgotten war," he is quick to point out that he does not feel forgotten.

"What country in the world takes better care of its veterans? None. The U.S. system is great...our Constitution is great, and our system of government is great. A Forgotten War? I don't feel forgotten – the country has been so good to me. We have to remember that we, as citizens, have an obligation to the country because of all the things it gives to us. I did my duty in defending this country, and I was proud to do so."

CHAPLAIN'S

C O R N E R

CHAPLAIN (CAPT.)
MARK JOHNSON
HHC 1/169th AVIATION
REGIMENT

Last February it was my privilege to travel to Salt Lake City, Utah with 303 soldiers of the Connecticut National Guard. Our mission was to assist Task Force 142 in providing security for the Winter Olympics. Salt Lake City was ready to welcome the world to their doorstep. Millions of dollars were spent on transportation, buildings, security and decorating. The years of planning and preparation allowed the Olympic games to run smoothly and safely.

The athletes were also preparing for their opportunity to win a gold medal. Hours of training, practice and sacrifice were required for each athlete to qualify for the Olympics. Every event is so competitive that 1/100th of a second could mean the difference between victory and defeat. This is why the athletes looked for every advantage to make them quicker or perform better. They did not want anything to slow them down.

The Bible describes life as a race. To be successful in this race we must also train and prepare, as did the Olympic athletes. We must look for every advantage and rid ourselves of anything that would impede our progress toward the goal. Hebrew 12:1 states, "...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that

so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Once I was teaching this verse to a group of children. I asked the group if there was anyone who was a fast runner. Many of the children raised their hands. I chose a boy to come up front and demonstrate for the rest of the group how fast he could run. The boy ran across the room and back and sure enough, he was very fast. Then I had him sit down to rest and while he was resting, I strapped a five-pound weight around each of his ankles. I asked him if he would run across the room again. Instead of flying across the room as before, the boy labored and tired out very quickly. It was much more difficult for him to reach the finish line.

As we run the race of life, we need to ask ourselves what is slowing us down. What weights do I have strapped around my ankles that make the race difficult, if not impossible, to finish. Are we carrying the weight of anger, jealousy, greed, gossip, bitterness, hatred or selfishness etc.? If we are then we need to cast these weights aside and replace them with the equipment that will help us run the race successfully. We could replace the above weights with kindness, thankfulness, contentment, encouragement, love and giving. When we do this we enhance our relationship with God and one another and this helps us to complete the race of life with success.

Connecticut National Guard, U.S. Postal Service Unveil West Point Commemorative Stamp During Women's History Celebration



Brig. Gen. Mary Ann Epps, Assistant Adjutant General and Commander, Connecticut Air National Guard and Marta Varela, Commissioner, New York Commission on Human Rights unveil the stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service to commemorate West Point's Bicentennial during the Women's History Month Celebration. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeanne E. Daigneau, 103rd Communications Flight)



MAJ. BARBARA LUHN
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS SPECIALIST, HRO

"Beware"

Beware of websites requesting personal information. One site is trying to recruit personnel with active military clearances and promises to find jobs for anyone who submits their information. They appear to be job brokers for people who have current security clearances. They could conceivably be associated with a hostile intelligence service that is trying to find out who has security clearances for possible recruitment. Good OPSEC would dictate that you don't advertise your security clearance status to anyone who doesn't need to know.

Some taxpayers have received an E-mail from a non IRS source indicating that the taxpayer is under audit and needs to complete a questionnaire within 48 hours to avoid the assessment of penalties and interest. The e-mail refers to an "e-audit" and references IRS form 1040. The taxpayer is asked for social security numbers, bank

Warnings of Fraud and Updates to Pending Legislation Affecting Retirees' Pay Age

account numbers and other confidential information. The IRS does not conduct "e-audits" nor does it notify taxpayers of a pending audit via e-mail. Do not provide the requested information - this again may be a theft-identity attempt.

Scammers are sending e-mails to unsuspecting individuals stating that they have an account established in their name. They are given the opportunity to deny creating the account or canceling it. To cancel the account, a hyperlink that purports to be the company is provided and it requests all kinds of personal identification information, credit card, name, social security number, etc. BEWARE

Some Good Advice

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, copy both sides of each license, credit card, identification card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and a record of account numbers as well as the credit card company phone numbers should you need to call and cancel accounts.

KEEP THE PHOTOCOPY IN A SAFE PLACE.

Bottom line: During this time of uncertainty - Be aware of your surroundings and use common sense. If it doesn't sound right don't do it or investigate before you do it.

Bill Would Reduce Reserves' Retired Pay Age

A bill (HR-3831) has been introduced by Representative Jim Saxton, (R-NJ) that would reduce the age at which a reserve component member may begin receiving retirement pay from 60 to 55. If enacted into law, the bill will take effect on the first day of the first month after the date of the enactment and would apply to retired pay payable for that month and subsequent months.

The Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) will be one step closer to attaining a major victory for its membership. This change has been a primary target for AFSA lobbyists for several years, and Rep.

Saxton's response to this effort serves as recognition to the role of the reserve components in our nation's defense.

AFSA believes that Reserve component members should be afforded the appropriate benefits commensurate for their role as part of the "Total Force." "Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle would not be successful without the men and women of the Reserve and National Guard," said AFSA Executive Director James D. Staton. "It is our goal to ensure that these men and women are treated more in line with other Federal retirees. Rep. Saxton's bill will bring us one step closer to attaining our goal by lowering the age at which Reservists can collect their retirement pay from age 60 to age 55. The Air Force Sergeants Association, founded in 1961, is a federally chartered, non-profit organization representing the professional and personal interests of more than 135,000 active duty and retired enlisted members of the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

Uruguay, U.S. Partnership for Peace Moving Forward

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Defense Minister Luis Brezzo and a delegation from Uruguay visited Connecticut in April, 2001, as one of the early steps in the development of the partnership program. Mr. and Mrs. Brezzo toured facilities of the Connecticut National Guard, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard.

In February 2002, two members of the 65th Press Camp Headquarters, Detachment 1, traveled to the country to learn more about the Ministry of National Defense's public affairs programs, and to exchange information and strategies regarding those ongoing efforts. The unit is planning a public affairs symposium along with the U.S. Office of Defense Cooperation in Uruguay, and the public affairs officers of the Uruguayan Ministry of Defense and its armed services.

Col. Gary Thorstenson, state partnership officer, accompanied Cugno on his visit. Thorstenson had been there before, working on several elements of the partnership, including Uruguay's emergency preparedness efforts.

The visit by Cugno and his delegation was just what the partnership program needed to advance, according to the ambassador.

"The general has made a tremendously



Uruguay's Minister of Defense Luis Brezzo (right) greets Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, adjutant general of the Connecticut National Guard, at the ambassador's official residence in Montevideo, Uruguay. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Markowski, 65th PCH)

positive impression on the Uruguayans. He's an outstanding goodwill ambassador for Connecticut and the United States. I know that the people of Uruguay appreciate all that

Governor Rowland and the legislature have done for us. Connecticut is becoming a household word in Uruguay," Ambassador Silverstein said.



Mr. Steven K. Wilson, president of VERTEX Inc., (right) greets Uruguay's Minister of Defense Mr. Luis Brezzo, at the residence of the U.S. ambassador to Uruguay. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Markowski, 65th PCH)



Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, adjutant general of the Connecticut National Guard (left) explains the features of the official coin of Gov. John G. Rowland to U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay Martin J. Silverstein. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Steve Markowski, 65th PCH)

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Retirees' Voice:

Targonski Receives Several Awards During Recent Ceremony

Spc. JOSEPH WALLER
65th PCH

After 42 years of military service, Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Peter Targonski had a little catching up to do—with medals, that is.

In a ceremony on Sunday, March 10, 2002, at the Enfield Armory, Targonski was awarded one Army good conduct medal, a Korean Service ribbon with Silver service star, a National Defense service medal, and the United Nations Service medal.

The ceremony was hosted by the Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment, with a little help from Brig. Gen. I. J. Zembruski, the Assistant Adjutant General and Commander of the Army National Guard, and the sergeant major's wife, Mrs. Joan M. Targonski. The medals were awarded before some of Targonski's family members: one of his sons, his daughter in law, his grandson, and his wife. These medals were long overdue, having been delayed in the beginning of his career, and Mrs. Targonski said, "He deserved all of them."

Zembruski gave a brief introduction of Targonski, saying "He had a very colorful career in the National Guard. [He] served with honor and could always be counted upon to do extra." After this introduction, his wife presented him with the Army good conduct medal. The remaining medals were pinned on by Zembruski, who Targonski had personally requested and had served under as first sergeant.

Targonski's career spanned from 1953 to his

retirement in 1992, with three and a half years in Active duty, and 38 ½ years in the National Guard. His career took him from Korea and the Inchon Landing, as well as the Liberation of Seoul, between 1950-51 to serving in the Army National Guard in 1966 as an assistant sergeant in the Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 43rd Divisional, at the same time serving as an assistant instructor in land navigation at the Officers Candidate School Military Academy.

He was then promoted to first sergeant and two years later found himself assigned to Alpha Battery, 192nd Field Artillery. There, he received six Army Achievement Medals and two Army Accommodation medals.

In 1988, Targonski was transferred to Training Site Support Detachment at Camp Weicker and was promoted to sergeant major. Targonski described his career with pride and a sense of accomplishment.

"I truthfully can say the I trained a whole unit myself. Not many men can say that," Targonski said.

Twenty-five of Targonski's soldiers from a prior assignment followed him on one of his many moves. He asked one of his sergeants why, and the soldier replied, "Because you came down here, we came down."

Targonski later gave advice for today's soldiers, "Stay in for 20 years, it means a whole hell of a lot.

"It feels great to have my family with me...and it was a great career, I'd go back in a heartbeat."



Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Peter Targonski with his family, John P. Targonski (son), Cheryl Ann Targonski (daughter-in-law), Joan M. Targonski (wife) and Matthew Targonski (grandson). (Photo by Spc. Joseph Waller, 65th PCH)

WARNING ORDER

8th Annual Summer Youth Camp
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Registration Deadline for the Summer Youth Camp is
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ECSU COHORT Program Update

The CTARNG Education Office in partnership with Eastern Connecticut State

University is offering Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree COHORT programs beginning with the Fall '02 Semester.

Information Sessions were held on the 11th and 14th of March. These sessions were conducted by Dr. Carol Williams, Associate Dean - School of Continuing Education, Dr. Ron Lowy, Chair - Department of Business Administration and head of the Master of Science in Organizational Management program, and the CTARNG Education Office.

You will be able to make an appointment for an advisement session with ECSU advisors to evaluate your civilian and military education and develop your course schedule. These sessions are being held the 26th of March at the Hartford Armory and the 28th of March at the AVCRAD. Call the Education Office at 860-524-4820 for a time slot.

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Connecticut National Guard Fulltime Employment Opportunities

The following are Connecticut Army and Air Guard Technician openings. For a copy of the Technician vacancy Announcement, see your technician/military supervisor or call Master Sgt. Kevin Salisbury at (860) 878-6739

Note: Several additional job postings are available on the Connecticut National Guard Website.

Army National Guard Technician Vacancies

Position Title	Unit	Pay Grade	Closing Date
Sheet Metal Mechanic (2 Positions)	AVCRAD	WG-10	4/5/2002
Supply Technician	USPFO	GS-05	4/5/2002
Equal Employment Manager	SASC-HRO	GS-11/09	4/5/2002
Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairer	OMS 2	WG-09	4/18/2002
Aircraft Mechanic	AASF	WG-11	4/24/2002
Aircraft Propeller Mechanic	AVCRAD	WG-10/08/05	4/24/2002

Air National Guard Technician Vacancies

Position Title	Unit	Pay Grade	Closing date
Secretary (OA)	103 ACS	GS-05	4/3/2002
Supply Technician - Indefinite	103 FW, LOG	GS-07	4/9/2002
Interdisciplinary Civil Engineer Trainee	103FW, Support	GS-07/09/11	4/9/2002
Aircraft Ordnance Systems Mechanic	103 FW, LOG	WG-10	4/5/2002
Equal Employment Manager	SASC-HRO	GS-11/09	4/5/2002
Aircraft Mechanic	103 FW, LOG	WG-12	4/17/2002
Materials Handler, Indefinite	103 FW, LOG	WG-06	4/22/2002

Listed below are current openings in the Connecticut National Guard AGR program. For a copy of the Military Tour Vacancy Announcement, see your supervisor or call Sgt. 1st Class Jacqueline Thomas at (860) 878-6729.

Note: Several additional job postings are available on the Connecticut National Guard Website.

Army National Guard AGR Vacancies

Position Title	Unit	Rank	Area of Consideration
Production Recruiter	R&R Command, STARC	SFC/E-7	Open Statewide
Aircraft Pneudraulic	1109th AVCRAD	SSG/E-6	Open Statewide
Personnel Supervisor	HHD STARC - PSC	SSG/E-6	Open Statewide
Training NCO	HHC 1/102 INF	SSG/E-6	Open Statewide
Operations Officer	HQ 169 Reg (LDR)	O3/O4	Open Statewide
Equal Employment Manager	HHD STARC - HRO	E-7 thru O-5	On Board AGR Only
Assistant Staff Judge Advocate	HHD STARC - JAG	O3/O4	Open Statewide
Unit Supply Sergeant	Co B 2/126th AVN	SSG/E-6	Open Statewide

Air National Guard AGR Vacancies

Position Title	Unit	Rank	Area of Consideration
A/C Ord. Sys. Mechanic	103rd FW LOG	TSG	On Board AGR Only
Admin Support Technician	103rd FW OPS	SSG	On Board AGR Only
Supply Systems Analyst	103rd FW LOG	MSG	On Board AGR Only
Equal Employment Manager	SASC-HRO	E-7 thru O5	On Board AGR Only
Aircraft Mechanic	103 FW, LOG	TSG	On Board AGR Only
Materials Handler	103 FW, LOG	SSG	Open Air

The complete listing of both Technician and AGR vacancies and job descriptions can also be accessed by going to the Connecticut National Guard website at www.ct.ngb.army.mil

Coming Events

April

April 21

NCOES Graduations
Camp Rowland

April 25

Take Our Children to Work Day
10th Anniversary

April 27

NGACT Annual Meeting
0800-1300 hours
Veterans Home Auditorium, Rocky Hill

May

May 10-12

EANGUS Region 1 Caucus
Camp Rowland

May 17

Armed Forces Day Luncheon
Aqua Turf, Southington

May 17

Aviation Ball
Marriott, Farmington

May 25

Redleg Ball
Holiday Inn, Danbury

June

June 26-30

8th Annual Youth Summer Camp
Camp Rowland

In the Next CG

State Command Sgt. Maj. Primett Retires

NCOES Graduations

Soldier/Airman/NCO of the Year

Breakfasts with the Easter Bunny

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month
previous to publication.

Operation New Horizon Brings Medical Care, Wells to Nicaragua

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Collins. A team of about a dozen engineers drilled for water to help improve the standard of living for many Nicaraguans.

"When you hit water in Nicaragua, it's just like striking gold," said Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, the Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard. Cugno made the trip to Nicaragua to visit with his troops and see how they are doing. "The 247th Engineer Battalion is the best in the country when it comes to drilling."

Soldiers from the 247th conducted 24-hour drilling operations in the town of El Coral, a small town about 10 hours from the capital, Managua. The 247th drilled 300 feet deep to pump air into the ground to get water to sputter up, a difficult task at times.

"I like it. I enjoy this. Everything has its good times and its bad times. I wish the drilling was faster, but we're hitting hard rock. The nice people here make up for it," said Sgt. Bill Maloney, senior driller with the 247th Engineers. The 247th Engineer's along with various other units, are making three wells by drilling for water.

"By providing healthy water, we cut the infant mortality rate in half," said Collins. "The personal satisfaction you get from participating in these missions is indescribable."

The engineers, from all over the country, are also building six health clinics and four two-room schools.

Like the engineers, the medics from the 118th Medical Battalion are on three rotations for Operation New Horizon. They are supporting the engineers, but also providing medical support to the indigenous population. Connecticut's medics and doctors rotated through Med Ret (Medical Readiness Training) missions with other participating medical units. On one occasion the Connecticut medics treated about 500 people, providing basic care, treating children for minor cuts and some suffering from tapeworms.

"The locals know we are the so called doctors," said Spec. Ronald Smith, 141st Med. Co. Some children have lived with tapeworms all their lives without seeing a doctor. The medics treated young and old. They saw a woman who was 109 years old.

"She had the papers to prove it," said Spec. Jennifer Baker, 141st Med. Co. "When we went into town to provide basic medical care



Connecticut Guardsmen had the opportunity to visit the local communities they were serving during their deployment and here watch a Nicaraguan woman prepare a local dish. (Photo by Capt. Lou Martinez, 65th PCH)



Nicaraguan school children ham it up for the camera. (Photo courtesy of the 141st Medical Company)

there were kids lined outside the door. Let me stay, this mission is incredible. This is what I joined the Army for." It's a mission she was glad she stayed in the Guard for. And stay she did. Baker stayed for all three tours, a total of 51 days.

For many soldiers in the 247th and 118th, this was their first overseas deployment for annual training.

"It's good experience, a lot different than other AT's," said Spec. Kurt Heitz, 141st Med. Company.

Spec. Juan Reyes had two jobs during Operation New Horizon. His primary job was as a medic, his additional duty as the unit's translator. Reyes is fluent in Spanish, his family hails from Colombia. Reyes took two weeks off from his studies at the University of Connecticut to take part in New Horizon, and amazingly he's not missing out on school. UCONN is allowing Reyes to hand in papers through E-mail. "This is a once in a lifetime experience," he said. "This is great, you get paid to experience a third world country."



Two members of the 247th Engineers, (Well Drilling) Company inspect some of the equipment they use in the drilling of wells. These Connecticut soldiers look forward to their overseas deployments, knowing they are making a visible difference in the lives of many. (Photo by Capt. Lou Martinez, 65th PCH)

Soldiers with the 118th Medical Battalion went the extra mile for this mission to Nicaragua. Lt. Col. Richard Young, the unit doctor started a clothing drive. Soldiers collected shoes, dresses, shirts, pants and jeans to take to the people of Nicaragua. By deployment time, the 118th had collected 60 duffle bags filled with clothes.

"I saw one kid without shoes. I'm going to make sure he gets shoes. All thanks to the clothing drive," said 1st Sgt. Henry Alston, 118th Medical.

Overall, this humanitarian mission has been an eye-opener for Connecticut Army National Guard soldiers. Operation New Horizon has given them a chance to see firsthand how people exist and survive in a third world country. It's also been a cultural experience, an experience many soldiers like Pfc. Amanda Bergvik will remember her entire life.

"To be able to experience this, get in touch with reality, get an understanding of a different country. It makes me appreciate home," said Bergvik, 141st Med Co. "I definitely want to do this again in another country."



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